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### **Sec. 22 1/2-9B. Operations--Minimum vehicle standards.**

(a) Motor vehicles shall be kept clean and orderly during all times of active service.

(b) All accidents shall be reported immediately to the police.

(c) Motor vehicles shall not be operated if the top or interior lights or the headlights or taillights are not functioning properly. Likewise, a motor vehicle shall not be driven unless the brakes, steering mechanism, tires, horn, windshield wipers, and side and rearview mirrors are in good working order.

(d) Advertising on any vehicle regulated by this Chapter shall not obstruct the driver's view and shall not obstruct the vehicle's top lights or other lights. No vehicle shall have within it, or on its exterior, any sign which encourages, advertises for, or otherwise solicits tips.

(e) The minimum standards for safety and maintenance of motor vehicles in Broward County, including municipalities regulating the industry pursuant to Section 22 1/2-12 of this Chapter, shall be as follows:

(1) Rearview mirror and side mirrors on driver's and passenger's side.

(2) Speedometer properly installed, in good working order, and exposed to the view of both the driver and the passenger(s).

(3) Interior clean, sanitary, free from torn or damaged upholstery or floor coverings and from damaged or broken seats.

(4) Door hinges and latches in good mechanical working order and all doors operate easily and close securely.

(5) Vehicle structurally sound and operates with a minimum of noise, vibration, and visible exhaust fumes.

(6) The body, fenders, doors, trim and grill free from cracks, breaks and dents, and painted.

(7) Vision is unobstructed on all four (4) sides.

(8) Permit and registration prominently displayed.

(9) All vehicles shall be equipped with fully functioning air conditioning.

(10) All vehicles shall be equipped with seat belts as required by state law.

(f) In addition to the standards set forth in subsection

(a), taxicabs shall meet the following minimum standards:

(1) Owner's trade name, monogram or insignia, taxicab number, and telephone number permanently affixed upon the metal portion of the outside of each side in letters at least three (3) inches high, and cab number painted upon the outside rear panel of taxicab in letters at least three (3) inches high.

(2) Two-way radio installed and operating properly with access to or affiliated with a central dispatch facility, or any other electronic equipment utilized for handling service requests.

(3) Taximeters shall be:

a. Installed and entirely illuminated so as to be easily seen by a passenger sitting in any part of the taxicab;

b. Approved by Florida Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Weights and Measures or a designated facility authorized to certify meter operation;

c. Attached to telltale lights so that telltale lights shall automatically illuminate when taximeter is in operation and extinguish when taximeter is not in operation.

(g) In addition to the standards set forth in subsection (a), new, used, or remanufactured jitneys which are purchased or leased for use, or in contemplation of use, after July 1, 2001, in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be ADA accessible.

(h) Each motor carrier engaging in the taxicab business shall adopt and use, after approval by the Division, a distinctive, uniform, and decorative color scheme for all taxicabs operated pursuant to such certificate. The Division shall refuse such approval when in its opinion the proposed color scheme will infringe upon any color scheme already in use by another motor carrier once previously approved by the Division. Failure to comply with this section shall be grounds for suspension of the certificate or permit.

(i) Every taxicab operating in Broward County shall have painted upon each side, in accordance with instructions issued by the Division, the vehicle's number, the name and telephone number of the certificate holder, or the name of the association or organization under which the vehicle is operated, and any and all such other information and displays as the Division may from time to time require. The vehicle number shall also be posted inside the vehicle in at least two (2) inch lettering in a place clearly visible to passengers and approved by the Division. To avoid duplication and confusion, all vehicle numbers shall be assigned exclusively by the Division, and no municipality regulating motor carriers pursuant to

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Section 22 1/2-12 of this Chapter shall assign such vehicle numbers.

(j) The Director shall annually inspect, for compliance with this Chapter, all vehicles for hire that are not more than six (6) model years old at the time of inspection and semiannually inspect all others and may reinspect any vehicle at any other time prior to the next annual or semi-annual inspection. The results of each inspection shall be recorded. Any vehicle failing to pass the inspection may have its operating permit suspended in accordance with Section 22 1/2-13 of this Chapter.

(k) Every holder of a certificate, permit or license, and each chauffeur shall fully comply with all ordinances, rules, and regulations of Broward County and all statutes of the State of Florida applicable to the operation of motor carriers.

(l) Certificate holders shall require every chauffeur to maintain a daily manifest to promptly and legibly record the following information: chauffeur's name, vehicle number, year, month, date, the starting time, place of origin and destination of each trip, the amount of fare collected, the number of passengers, and the total miles or units accumulated during a chauffeur's operating period. All completed manifests shall be returned to the operator of the business by the chauffeur at the conclusion of the chauffeur's tour of duty. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the chauffeur by the registered operator and shall be approved by the Division. Daily manifests shall not be destroyed, mutilated, altered, or otherwise defaced without approval by the Division. The manifests shall be available for inspection and/or copying by the Division during regular business hours for a period of not less than three (3) years.

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