

SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

CODES

ARTICLE 9	- SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PART 9.2	- GROUND TRANSPORTATION
SECTION 9.21	- VEHICLE CONDITION

(a) Vehicle Condition.

(1) No person shall operate, drive, or cause to be operated or driven any Taxicab, Vehicle for Hire, Charter Vehicle, TNC Vehicle, scheduled ground transportation service, hotel or other courtesy vehicle or any other commercial ground transportation service over and upon the non-dedicated private streets of the Airport unless it is in safe operating condition and in good repair. Its lighting equipment shall be in good working order. There shall be no cracked or broken windshields, windows or mirrors. The muffler and exhaust system shall be adequate to prevent excessive or unusual noise and shall not emit excessive smoke, flame, gas or oil. Exterior paint and markings shall not be faded or discolored. The vehicle shall have in operational condition, a heater, air conditioner and defroster. The vehicle shall be maintained in a clean condition, both with regard to the interior and exterior. In any vehicles required to have a taximeter, the person driving shall make certain that: the taximeter is in proper recording position at all times; the meter reading is visible to any passenger; and the meter light is burning during hours of darkness. The vehicle shall be further maintained in condition as provided in accordance with rules and regulations established by the President/CEO.

(2) The Authority may inspect any vehicle. If the inspection reveals that such vehicle is not in reasonable good repair or operating condition, from the standpoint of the safety, health and comfort of passengers, then the vehicle shall be ordered out of service by an Airport Traffic Officer or other Airport representative until such time as remedial repairs and corrections have been made. When such repairs and corrections have been made, such vehicle shall be re-inspected by an Airport-approved inspection service with proof of the repair and correction to determine whether or not proper repairs and corrections have been made and in no case shall the vehicle be permitted to resume its operation until such repairs and corrections have been made.

(b) Identification.

(1) Personal/Individual. All persons operating a commercial ground transportation vehicle at the Airport shall have and be in possession of proof of insurance in full force and effect equal to the requirements of the Authority, a valid driver's license of the class required issued by the State of California and, any required identification card. The Driver shall present any of these documents upon the demand of an authorized officer of the Authority or any peace officer.

(2) Vehicle. The vehicle shall be registered in the State of California and properly display, as approved by the President/CEO, the required exterior markings, state license plates, approved trade dress and licensing decals.

(c) Pickup Areas.

(1) No person shall stop, park or stand any vehicle while awaiting for any passenger or employment at any location on Airport property other than at an authorized stand, designated area, line or zone. Passenger pickups shall take place only at designated stands and zones after following authorized procedures as may be established by the President/CEO and within vehicle standing time limits and parking regulations. The above rules may be waived for disabled passengers.

(2) No person shall solicit any customer's patronage in any manner while on Airport property or in an Airport terminal building.

(3) Taxicab and Vehicle for Hire drivers shall use only the assigned Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire line and stand as respectively designated by the President/CEO. Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire line means an area at the Airport designated by sign or other suitable means which is reserved for Taxicabs or Vehicles for Hire only while waiting to advance in turn to a vacancy at a Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire stand. "Taxicab and Vehicle for Hire stand" means an area on Airport property so designated and reserved for parking only while waiting to pick up passengers for hire.

(4) Before entry onto Airport property without passengers or after discharging passengers on Airport property, every Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire operator shall proceed to the designated hold lot or pickup area as designated by the President/CEO and wait with the vehicle until an authorized officer or designate issues a time-stamped dispatch ticket and dispatches the vehicle and operator to the Airport. Picking up any passenger for hire after or while leaving off any other passenger without proceeding through the designated hold lot or pickup area and being issued a valid dispatch ticket is prohibited. The President/CEO, from time to time, may establish, change or modify the rules, regulations and dispatch procedures for operation of the off-Airport hold lots.

(5) Notwithstanding any other regulation, any prospective passenger may select for hire any Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire, wherever located at the stand.

(6) The driver of each Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire in a Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire line shall at all times, until engaged for hire, remain in the driver's seat at the wheel of the vehicle or outside and within close proximity of the vehicle, except in case of emergency or personal necessity.

(7) The driver of each Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire at the Taxicab or Vehicle for Hire stand shall at all times, until engaged for hire, remain in the driver's seat at the wheel of the vehicle; provided, however, when engaged for hire, the driver may assist a passenger and load baggage into the vehicle. In case of an emergency or personal necessity, the driver may leave a Taxicab which is at the Taxicab stand.

(8) After a Taxicab exits a Taxicab stand, each vehicle at its rear shall at once be moved toward the head of the Taxicab stand and the Taxicab at the head of the Taxicab line shall be moved forward to occupy the vacancy in the Taxicab stand. Likewise, each vehicle to the rear in the Taxicab line shall be moved toward the head of the Taxicab line.

(9) No owner or operator of a Taxicab, Vehicle for Hire or Charter Vehicle, or TNC shall at any time while at the Airport by words, gesture or otherwise, solicit, persuade or urge or attempt to solicit, persuade or urge any person to use or hire any vehicle.

(10) If the driver of a Taxicab occupying the position at the head of the Taxicab stand refuses to accept and transport a passenger for hire or refers the passenger to a different Taxicab, the Taxicab and driver who refused or referred the passenger shall immediately be dispatched to the rear of the Taxicab line and the driver shall immediately remove the Taxicab from the head of the Taxicab stand.

(d) Driver's Examination.

The President/CEO may, but is not required to, issue or reissue a Driver's Permit to a person who has successfully passed an examination as given and required by the Authority, upon payment of the appropriate fee. The President/CEO also shall have the right to reexamine persons holding a Driver's Permit at intervals that the President/CEO deems advisable. Except in the event of reissuance as provided above, each applicant for a permit required by this provision and each driver must:

(1) Be able to converse in the English language;

(2) Hold a valid and effective driver's identification card as provided by the County of San Diego Code if operating a Taxicab; and

(3) Successfully complete an approved Airport Customer Service Course.

(e) Driver Attire and Personal Hygiene.

All drivers of commercial ground transportation vehicles shall comply with the clothing and hygiene requirements as established by the President/CEO.

(f) Duty to Transport Passengers. The person operating a ground transportation service shall not refuse to transport any passenger, including baggage, requiring transportation and shall take all passengers to their requested destination using the most direct available route on all trips unless otherwise specifically requested by the passenger; provided, however, nothing herein shall require any person to provide ground transportation service contrary to any municipal or state permit or certificate regarding ground transportation or its Authority authorized permit. Furthermore, a driver is not required to transport any such passengers when: the driver has already been dispatched on another call; when such passengers appears to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or disorderly; or when the passenger may cause the vehicle to become damaged, stained or foul smelling.

(g) Non-Discrimination. In providing ground transportation services on Airport property, no person shall discriminate against any person or class of persons by reason of sex, color, race, creed, religion, physical or mental disability, veteran status, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy or national origin. The accommodations and services shall be made available to the public on fair and reasonable terms.

(h) Fares and Receipts. No driver shall collect, demand, receive or arrange for any compensation in an amount greater than that approved or allowed by the appropriate fare setting governmental agency or commission for the ground transportation service. Upon request, the driver shall give a passenger making payment a receipt showing the amount of fare paid, the driver's correct name and correct vehicle license number and Authority permit number. There shall be no fare or charge to the passenger by a Courtesy Vehicle.

(i) Conformance with Laws. Any authorized ground transportation service shall be provided in conformance and obedience of:

(1) All lawful orders or instruction from authorized officers of the Authority;

(2) Any and all rules and regulations now in force or which may be changed, added, modified or adopted by the Authority for operation of transportation services at the Airport; and

(3) Any and all laws, ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations, orders, permits or certificates from the Airport, any governmental authority, municipal, state or federal, lawfully exercising authority over such person holding an Authority permit, including persons, employees, drivers and agents.

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