

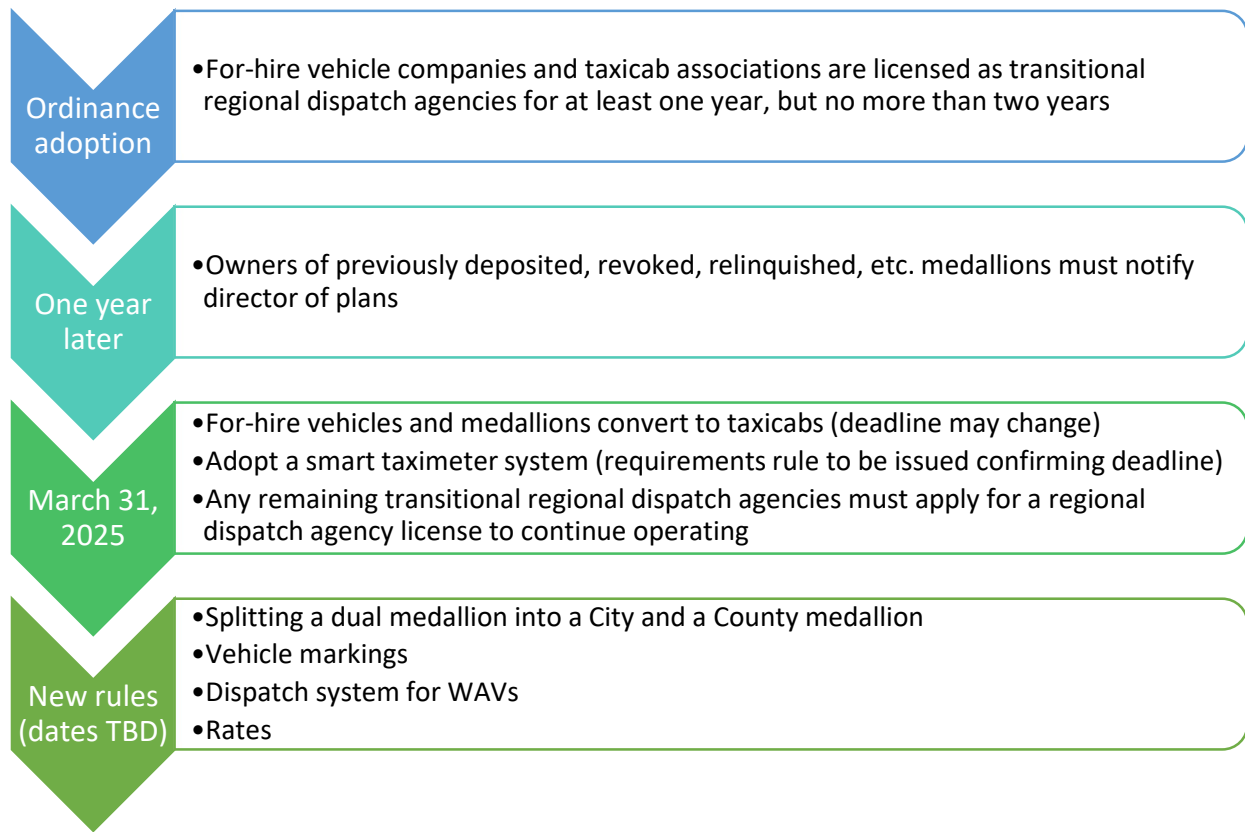
What do the new ordinances do?

In June 2023, the City and County each transmitted ordinances affecting the for-hire transportation industry to the City Council and the County Council. The combined effect of the ordinances is streamlined taxicab and for-hire vehicle regulations located in new chapters of City and County codes.

Key changes include:

1. Allow City Only and County Only medallions to operate throughout the region with a new reciprocity endorsement (a reciprocity endorsement \neq a medallion)
2. Convert all for-hire vehicle medallions to taxicabs medallions
3. Adjust insurance requirements and adapt to a changing insurance market and policy models that will attempt to make the Seattle market more attractive to other insurers
4. Eliminate outdated operating requirements and align City and County requirements such as no longer referring to uniforms or personal hygiene and aligning differences in vehicle age limits
5. Establish a new regional for-hire driver's license with the option to obtain an enhanced license that includes a fingerprint-based federal background check and a third-party background check
6. Require adoption of smart taximeters including integration with public facing regional trip planning tools, integrated payment processing, and authorizing greater use of dynamic fare setting - all of which are key features of a modernized fleet
7. Simplify enforcement and penalties and create a more coordinated appeals process
 - a. The City and County will issue civil citations (monetary penalties) and license actions (suspensions, summary suspensions, revocations, and denials)
 - b. Appeals will go to the hearing examiner for the jurisdiction issuing the citation or license action
8. Establish a uniform vehicle age limit of 15 years, lower the minimum for-hire driver age from 21 to 20, and adjust maximum allowable driver operating hours (these requirements align with the state TNC law adopted in 2022)
9. Authorize the County to set a minimum fare for short trips such as those from Sea-Tac Airport (the ordinances will not affect other decisions made by the Port of Seattle regarding ground transportation service)
10. Establish certain vehicle owner and driver protections, including provisions for advanced notice of contract changes and the opportunity to provide input on agency policies that affect drivers
11. Plan for the use of all electric vehicles (EVs) when technology and infrastructure make EVs viable for for-hire transportation
 - a. The ordinances will not require the use of EVs but will acknowledge them as an option
 - b. The City and County will work with partners to ensure drivers have access to programs for EV purchases and charging infrastructure

Key deadlines



What is happening with medallions?

Types	For-hire vehicle medallions are eliminated and convert to taxicab medallions
	No changes to WAT medallions
Caps	Before – City: 1,050 taxicabs & 200 for-hire vehicles County: 561 taxicabs & 471 for-hire vehicles
	After – City: 1,300 taxicabs County: 1,300 taxicabs
Jurisdiction	City and County medallion reciprocity endorsements are created and are required for Seattle medallions and County medallions to operate regionally
	Dual medallion owners have the option to split into a City medallion and a County medallion, obtain reciprocity endorsements for each, and put two vehicles on the road
Schedule	Vehicle licensing will transition to an anniversary schedule, just like for-hire driver licensing
	Owners of medallions previously relinquished, revoked, deposited, etc. have one year to tell the City & County their plans or the medallion is permanently retired