

Chapter 46 Vehicle-for-hire Definitions

Article I. In General

- A vehicle-for-hire (VFH) refers to a taxicab, pedicabs, sightseeing and charter vehicle, chauffeured limousine, school vehicle, jitney, low speed shuttle, or transportation network vehicle used for the provision of transportation services for hire to the general public. This term expressly excludes vehicles operated or regulated by other government entities.

Article II. Taxicabs

- A taxicab is an automobile or motor-propelled vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for hire over the public streets of the city.

Article III. Pedicabs

- A pedicab is a bicycle or tricycle used to transport passengers for hire, including a bicycle to which is attached a trailer, sidecar, or similar device.

Article IV. Sightseeing, Charter, and Chauffeured Limousine Services

- Chauffeured limousine service means the business of renting or leasing a chauffeured limousine, including the services of a driver, to a person, solely upon his request or one acting for or on his behalf.
- A sightseeing or charter service refers to the transporting of passengers by charter between points within the city upon a route including stops at various points of public interest. Passengers are discharged at the place where they were picked up.

Article V. School Vehicles

- A school vehicle is any motorized vehicle with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of not more than 15 persons, including the driver, that is used for hire to transport students to or from any school that is situated in the city or that is used under the sponsorship of a school to transport students to or from any school-sponsored activity.

Article VI. Jitneys

- A jitney is a motorized passenger vehicle having a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of between nine and 15 persons, including the driver, that is operated upon a closed loop route following specified streets and highways in a specified direction, and is operated without a fixed schedule.

Article VII. Low-speed Shuttles

- A low-speed shuttle is a motorized non-fossil fuel powered vehicle with a seating capacity of four to eight passengers, including the driver, that has an attainable speed of between 20 and 25 miles per hour on a paved level surface and is used to transport passengers for hire.

Article VIII. Mobile Dispatch Services

- A mobile dispatch service refers to the operation of a scheduling service that enables prospective passengers to request prearranged transportation services offered or provided for compensation from taxicabs or limousines using an internet-enabled application or digital platform through the use of a handheld device.

Article IX. Transportation Network Companies

- A transportation network service is a prearranged transportation service offered or provided for compensation using an internet-enabled application or digital platform to dispatch a transportation network driver using a transportation network vehicle.
- A transportation network vehicle is a private passenger motor vehicle used to provide transportation network services.