



Taxi Regulation Reform Passed By MTA Board January 3, 2017

Summary:

The SFMTA Board passed major taxi code reform at their meeting on 01/03/17.

All proposed amendments passed with the exception of the proposal that new color scheme applicants must have at least 50 medallions committed to affiliating with it. Below is a summary. The legislative goes into effect in 30 days.

This legislation is part of an ongoing effort to streamline and modernize regulations to ensure a high standard of public safety, and customer service while updating requirements to better allow innovation and competition.

Below is a summary of the significant Transportation Code reform amendments:

- Elimination of taxi driver shift change on property
- Elimination of the requirement for taxi companies to have a business address in San Francisco
- Elimination of some restrictions on spare vehicles
- Addition of a requirement that new taxi companies have or are affiliated with at least 50 medallions to be qualified for a permit and continued operation (grandfather in existing companies) – **THIS ITEM DID NOT PASS**
- Addition of a requirement that in-taxi equipment be integrated with the taximeter