

**WHAT:** Taxi Fleet Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, 10/18/2018

**TIME:** 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** Natomas Community Center

**ATTENDEES:**

Pam Thompson - Yellow Cab, Chemseddine Haddane - Capitol City,  
Serghei Costisin - Capitol City (Driver), Yasir Arafat – STA, Mohammad Hawarneh - SITO  
Aman Singh & Jaswinder Mann – SMART, Brad Wasson - Revenue Manager,  
Tessa St. John - Business Permits Manager, Sharonda Roberts – Business Permits  
Ricardo Vargas - Code Enforcement

- The written taxi test has been changed to reflect a passing score of 73%, now taxi drivers can miss four questions and pass the written test.
- Because of low attendance, testing will be reduced to once a week – Fleets will be notified.
  - There was a request to have the testing time moved to late morning (10 am) or afternoon. City staff will follow up with different time options
- Once drivers have completed 8 of the 9 computer modules they will no longer have to take the computer section of the test.
- Next year will be the first year with drivers who are responsible only for the written test. The City will hold “written test only” testing days once a month.
- There was another request that the driver permit be valid for two years. However, the City ordinance requires drivers to take an annual exam.
- Reminder City Code 5.136.355 goes into effect on January 1, 2019 and states “No person shall operate a taxicab vehicle that is more than eight years old...”
  - This requirement will be enforced during renewal – any vehicle renewed in 2019 must be 2011 or newer.
  - There is still concern from Fleet Managers as some drivers are having a hard time meeting this requirement
- New vehicles are not required to go to Paratransit inspection.
  - A new vehicle is any vehicle that has never previously been registered.
- Request to have an afternoon inspection time for vehicles.
  - Code Enforcement has a set time and unfortunately will not be able to accommodate
- Request to have taxi stands re-evaluated
  - Many of the current taxi stands are not heavily used.
  - There is a need for new taxi stands at 5<sup>th</sup> and J (where new development has occurred) and there is a need for a second taxi stand at the Citizen Hotel.
  - Staff will reach out to Public Works to find out the process.