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600 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 600.1 This chapter shall contain rules prescribing standards for safety equipment, materials, and the condition of motor vehicles driven in the District of Columbia; requirements for annual inspection of all motor vehicles registered in the District; and the procedure under which approved, rejected, and condemned vehicles shall be processed.
- 600.2 No person shall drive, move, or permit the operation or use of any vehicle which is mechanically unsafe, improperly equipped, or otherwise unfit to be operated.
- 600.3 Any police officer or other authorized agent of the District may inspect and test the lights, brakes, steering assembly, tires, equipment horn, emission control equipment, exhaust emissions, or other device required by this title at any time a vehicle is on the public streets or public space.
- 600.4 Any police officer or other authorized agent of the District may order the removal of an unsafe or improperly equipped vehicle from any public street or space to one of the official District Inspection Stations for reinspection notwithstanding the fact that the vehicle displays an approved inspection sticker.

- 600.5 When notified by the Director, a registrant shall present his or her vehicle for mechanical inspection at a time and place designated by the Director.
- 600.6 The Director is authorized, in his or her discretion, to provide for inspection by District personnel at a location other than a District inspection station, of the vehicles in any fleet of five hundred (500) or more motor vehicles registered in the District in the name of one (1) owner, if the owner does the following:
- (a) Constructs, or otherwise provides for, facilities and equipment for the inspection of the vehicles substantially equivalent, as determined by the Director, to the motor vehicle inspection facilities and equipment operated by the District; and
 - (b) Conforms to a schedule for the inspection of the vehicles agreed upon, orally or in writing, between the owner and the Director.

601 INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- 601.1 Inspections shall be made and stickers obtained with respect to the items of equipment designated by the Director.
- 601.2 Inspections shall be conducted in accordance with the standards contained in the Motor Vehicle Inspection Manual of the District of Columbia (also referred to as the "District Inspection Manual" or "Manual"), and in the event existing standards do not apply to a particular piece of equipment, a standard specified by the Director.
- 601.3 The 1982 and 1999 issues of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Manual of the District of Columbia are incorporated in this chapter by reference. In the event of any inconsistency between a Motor Vehicle Inspection Manual of the District of Columbia and this Title, the provisions of this Title shall govern.
- 601.4 Except as provided in § 601.5, vehicles registered in the District of Columbia shall be inspected periodically for safe operating condition, exhaust emissions, and compliance with this Title as follows:
- (a) Passenger vehicle: every two (2) years;
 - (b) Motorcycle: every two (2) years;
 - (c) Bus: semiannually; except as provided in (d);
 - (d) Bus owned or leased by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: annually;
 - (e) Taxicab and other public vehicles for hire: semiannually;

- (f) Motorized bicycle, except those rented to or offered to be rented to the public: every two (2) years;
- (g) Motorized bicycle rented to or offered to be rented to the public: annually;
- (h) Commercial vehicle: annually;
- (i) Tow truck: annually;
- (j) Vehicle registered as an historic motor vehicle: one (1) time, at time of registration; and
- (k) All other motor vehicles: every two (2) years.

601.5 Notwithstanding § 601.4, all previously-owned vehicles must be re-inspected for safety and emissions in order to be eligible for registration.

601.6 All taxicabs shall also be inspected semiannually for compliance with respect to identification color, trade signs, insignia, rate signs, zone maps, cruising lights, upholstery, and sanitation, and for compliance with inspection requirements established by the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission through rulemaking as of September 1, 2002.

601.7 At the discretion of the Director, imported vehicles may be exempt from certain inspection requirements, such as emissions, safety glass and headlights.

601.8 The fees for inspections shall be as follows:

- (a) Passenger vehicle, including historic motor vehicle: \$25;
- (b) Motorized bicycle: \$25;
- (c) Motorcycle: \$25;
- (d) Commercial vehicles and vehicles for hire, including all buses: \$25;
- (e) Trailers, based upon the manufacturer's shipping weight: \$25;
- (f) Tow truck: \$25;
- (g) Salvage vehicle: \$25;
- (h) New vehicles for which an inspection is not required but for which a sticker is required: \$10; and

- (i) All other motor vehicles: \$25.
- 601.9 The inspection fees included above shall include two re-inspections performed within twenty (20) days of the initial inspection. The fee for all other re-inspections shall be in accordance with the above inspection fee schedule.
- 601.10 Any re-inspection fees due shall be paid at the time of re-inspection.
- 601.11 Inspection fees may be collected at the time of registration.
- 601.12 The total cumulative amount of any late inspection penalty assessed pursuant to § 6 of an Act to Provide for annual inspection of all motor vehicles in the District of Columbia, approved February 18, 1938 (52 Stat. 78; D.C. Official Code § 50-1106), shall not exceed four hundred and eighty dollars (\$480), all or part of which may be waived by the Director upon submission of proof that the owner was unable to have the vehicle inspected due to one or more of the following:
 - (a) Military duty;
 - (b) Incarceration;
 - (c) Medical emergency;
 - (d) The vehicle was involved in an accident (police report required); or
 - (e) Exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Director.

602 INSPECTION STICKERS

- 602.1 The Director is authorized to issue inspection stickers and provide for the attachment of inspection stickers to motor vehicles.
- 602.2 Inspection stickers may indicate approval, rejection, or condemnation of any vehicle, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- 602.3 Vehicles bearing special bus identification, current dealer tags, transport tags, special use paper tags, or historic motor vehicle tags shall be exempt from the inspection sticker requirements of this section.
- 602.4 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, park, or permit to be operated or parked on public space any vehicle bearing current District of Columbia tags, except a vehicle exempt under the provisions of § 602.3, unless there is displayed on the right side of the vehicle's windshield one of the following:
 - (a) A current District of Columbia inspection sticker;
 - (b) A temporary sticker issued by the Director; and

- (c) A temporary registration certificate issued by a registered District of Columbia dealer or repair shop when transferring ownership for registration purposes.
- 602.5 Whenever a person located in the District of Columbia acquires a motor vehicle which displays on the windshield a valid approved safety inspection sticker issued by any State that has a compulsory motor vehicle inspection law, that vehicle may be operated without the requirement of any other inspection sticker for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of acquisition of the vehicle or until issuance by the Director of a sticker containing the words TEMPORARY STICKER - NEWLY REGISTERED VEHICLE, whichever is the shorter period.
- 602.6 After the fifteenth (15th) day, the vehicle shall be presented for official inspection as required and shall display only the inspection sticker issued by the Director.
- 602.7 A vehicle owned by a non-resident and currently registered in another jurisdiction shall display the proper inspection sticker issued for the vehicle in accordance with the requirements of the issuing jurisdiction.

603 VEHICLE INSPECTION: APPROVED VEHICLES

- 603.1 If, upon mechanical inspection of any vehicle, the Director determines that it conforms to the equipment standards contained in the current District Inspection Manual and Chapter 7 of this Title, the Director shall issue to the registrant or person desiring registration an approved inspection sticker for a motor vehicle or trailer.
- 603.2 The inspection sticker will permit the operation and use of the motor vehicle or trailer until the registrant or person desiring registration is notified by the Director to present the motor vehicle or trailer for another inspection; provided, that the registrant or other person has complied with the provisions of this title and all other applicable provisions of law.
- 603.3 If a registrant or a person who desires registration to whom an approved inspection sticker was issued, loses or disposes of his or her legal title to the vehicle, the person who acquires it, or that person's agent, may operate the vehicle bearing the sticker until such time as that person is required by the Director to present the vehicle for inspection; Provided, that the person has complied with the provisions of this title and all other applicable provisions of law.
- 603.4 Any Class A passenger vehicle that exhibits one or more of the following deficiencies upon inspection shall be issued an approved inspection sticker together with a warning that the vehicle will be rejected at the next inspection if the defects are not corrected:
 - (a) Missing, inaccurate, or mutilated registration document;

- (b) Improper tag mounting;
- (c) Damaged or rusted door, provided there are no visible holes;
- (d) Damaged body;
- (e) Minor dent on vehicle that does not affect the vehicle's operation;
- (f) Missing or broken mirror on passenger side;
- (g) Low decibel horn;
- (h) Missing or broken gear indicator;
- (i) Inoperative tag light;
- (j) Inoperative clearance light;
- (k) Inoperative tail light, provided the vehicle has three (3) operative tail lights;
- (l) Inoperative stop light, provided the vehicle has three (3) operative stop lights;
- (m) Inoperative marker lights;
- (n) Inoperative fog lights;
- (o) Damaged or missing rear or side reflectors;
- (p) Minor cracked or damaged windshield, provided no crack or damaged portion is larger than three (3) inches in diameter;
or
- (q) Missing one (1) lug nut on tire.

604 VEHICLE INSPECTION: REJECTED VEHICLES

- 604.1 If, upon mechanical inspection of any motor vehicle, the Director determines it does not conform to the equipment and exhaust emission standards in the current District Inspection Manual, the Director shall issue to the registrant or person desiring registration a rejection sticker.

- 604.2 If, upon mechanical inspection of any trailer, the Director determines it does not conform to the equipment standards in the current District Inspection Manual, the Director shall issue to the registrant or person desiring registration a rejection sticker, except as provided in § 603.4.
- 604.3 If a rejection sticker is issued, the operation and use of the vehicle will be permitted for twenty (20) days from the date of issuance; Provided, that the registrant or the person desiring registration to whom the rejection sticker was issued continues to hold legal title to the vehicle; and Provided further, that the registrant or other person has complied with this title and all other applicable provisions of law.
- 604.4 A registrant, or any person desiring registration, to whom a rejection sticker was issued shall not park or permit the parking of the vehicle on any public space after the expiration date of the rejection sticker.
- 604.5 In the event a registrant or a person who desires registration, and to whom a rejection sticker was issued, loses or disposes of legal title to the vehicle, the person, or his or her agent who acquires it, may operate the vehicle during the remainder of the twenty (20) day period provided in § 604.3.
- 604.6 If it is determined pursuant to this section that the owner or registrant of a public vehicle for hire shall be issued a rejection sticker, the Director shall issue either a red rejection sticker or a yellow rejection sticker.
- 604.7 A red rejection sticker shall be issued to the owner or registrant of a public vehicle for hire when the Director has determined that the vehicle does not conform to those standards of the Manual and in chapter 7 of this Title that, in the discretion of the Director, affects the safe operation of the public vehicle for hire or health of the vehicle's passengers, including but not limited to, steering, brakes, exhaust, smoke, extensive body damage, glazing, or emissions.
- 604.8 A yellow rejection sticker shall be issued to the registrant or owner of a public vehicle when the Director has determined that the vehicle did not comply with any requirement set forth in § 601.6.
- (a) Identification color;
 - (b) Trade signs and insignia;
 - (c) Rate signs and zone maps;
 - (d) Upholstery;
 - (e) Sanitation;
 - (f) Cruising light; and
 - (g) Safety partition, camera or safety warning lights, as required by the rules of the Taxicab Commission.
 - (h) Any other standard(s) that do(es) not affect the safe operation of the public vehicle for hire or the health of the vehicle's passengers.

- (i) Vehicles for hire licensed under D.C. Official Code § 47-2829 shall be inspected no more than one (1) time per day.
- 604.9 A person issued a red inspection sticker for a public vehicle for hire shall not be permitted to operate that vehicle as a public vehicle for hire until the vehicle is determined to be in compliance with the standard set forth in the Manual and in chapter 7 of this title.
- 604.10 A person issued a yellow inspection sticker for a public vehicle for hire shall be permitted to continue to operate that vehicle as a public vehicle for hire for a period not to exceed twenty (20) days or for a longer period as determined by the Director in his or her discretion.
- 604.11 If a motor vehicle fails the emissions testing portion of the mechanical inspection, it shall be issued a rejection sticker pursuant to § 604.1.
- 604.12 Under § 603.1, a vehicle failing the emissions testing portion of the mechanical inspection shall not qualify for issuance of an approval sticker even if it meets all safety-related portion of the inspection.
- 604.13 An approval sticker shall only be issued upon the vehicle's passing an emissions test.

605 REINSPECTION OF REJECTED VEHICLES

- 605.1 Any motor vehicle or trailer to which a rejection sticker was issued shall be issued an "approved" inspection sticker upon determination that the items for which the rejection sticker was issued have been brought into compliance with applicable equipment and exhaust emission standards.
- 605.2 The determination that the items which were the basis for the issuance of the rejection sticker have been brought into compliance with the applicable standards and the subsequent issuance of an "approved" inspection sticker may be made by the following:
 - (a) Personnel of the motor vehicle inspection facilities operated by the District of Columbia; or
 - (b) Personnel of a facility other than a District inspection facility; provided, that the owner of the facility has obtained a permit from the Mayor to perform reinspections in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Mayor for the issuance, suspension, revocation, and denial of renewal of reinspection facility permits.
 - (c) Beginning September 19, 2005, and extending for a temporary period to be determined by the Director, reinspections shall only be conducted by personnel described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- 605.3 Reinspection stations shall be licensed by the Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) prior to engaging in the service of vehicle reinspection as specified in this section.

- 605.4 Reinspection licenses shall be issued upon determination by the Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that the applicant has met the qualifications for licensing as specified in this section.
- 605.5 The following two (2) classes of permits (hereinafter referred to as "business licenses or licenses"), shall be issued:
- (a) Class I licenses shall be issued to reinspection stations to engage in the reinspection of motor vehicles and trailers, excluding emissions testing; and
 - (b) Class II licenses shall be issued to owners or operators of fleets of vehicles that are subject to District vehicle inspections, and are authorized to perform vehicle inspections of their fleets.
- 605.6 Class I licenses may be issued to the owner of a facility to provide "full service" in all vehicle rejection categories or "limited service" in one (1) or more of the following categories:
- (a) [Deleted] 38 DCR 801 (January 25, 1991)
 - (b) Brake system;
 - (c) Exhaust system;
 - (d) Steering, suspension, tires and wheels;
 - (e) Glass (windshield, windows);
 - (f) Electrical: all switches, signals, wipers, lenses and lights including headlight installation;
 - (g) Miscellaneous: (any rejected item not in other categories); and
 - (h) Motorcycles and motorized bicycles.
- 605.7 Applicants for reinspection licenses or renewal of licenses shall demonstrate their ability to perform the duties necessary to re-inspect vehicles, and to conduct business in accordance with applicable subsequent provisions of this chapter.
- 605.8 In order to perform the duties necessary to re-inspect vehicles, an applicant reinspection station shall meet the following requirements:
- (a) Have available on the premises that equipment which is necessary to perform the reinspection for which the station is licensed and which meets the standards established in the section "Facilities and Equipment" in this chapter; and
 - (b) Employ at least one (1) individual who has been certified as a motor vehicle reinspector by the D.C. Government as specified in the Section "Reinspector Certification" in this chapter for those reinspection categories to which the application applies.
- 605.9 As a demonstration of proper business practices an applicant shall do the following:

- (a) Be registered with the Department of Finance and Revenue and possess an appropriate occupancy permit;
 - (b) Be a licensed repair facility, as stipulated in 16 DCMR § 600, and comply with provisions stated therein; and
 - (c) Have, in the judgment of the Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, a sound reputation for moral character and business practices as evidenced by appropriate District Government tax, consumer, and court records.
- 605.10 Applications for licenses shall be made on forms provided by the DCRA consisting of two (2) parts, principal and supplementary.
- 605.11 The principal application shall elicit information bearing upon the nature and location of the applicant's business, the experience of the applicant and his or her employees, and the nature of the reinspection license sought by the applicant.
- 605.12 The supplementary application shall cover the background of the owner and each partner of an unincorporated business and each principal executive officer and controlling individual of a corporation or association and shall be filed by each owner, partner, controlling individual or officer.
- 605.13 Upon approval of a station's application, a license for the applicable reinspection categories shall be issued by the Director, DCRA.
- 605.14 Licenses shall be issued for a period of two (2) years and the license shall remain with the original licensee for the period of the license and shall not be transferable.
- 605.15 Fees for licenses shall be as follows:
- (a) For all Class I "full services" and "limited service" stations or Class II licenses the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$ 50); and
 - (b) For any amendment to the licenses categories or any other changes to the license the fee shall be ten dollars (\$ 10).
- 605.16 The license period shall extend for two (2) years from June 30th of every even-numbered year.
- 605.17 Any application approved during the first twelve (12) months of the license period shall be considered as beginning on the first day of that licensing period and shall extend for the entire normal licensing period. The total license fee of fifty dollars (\$ 50) shall be paid at the time of the issuance of a license.
- 605.18 Any application approved after the first twelve (12) months of the normal licensing period shall be considered as beginning on that day and extending for the remainder of that licensing period. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$ 25) shall be paid at the time of issuance of a license.
- 605.19 Each licensed reinspection station shall have the authority to reinspect vehicles for items rejected that are covered by the particular station's license and to certify that specific items for which a vehicle was rejected at District inspection have been corrected to conform with the technical standards set forth in the

Motor Vehicle Inspection Manual of the District of Columbia (hereafter referred to as "the Manual").

- 605.20 No licensee shall certify that items for which a vehicle was rejected at a District inspection have been corrected unless a certified reinspector in that station's employment has made a determination that the items were corrected and has certified the items as stated herein.
- 605.21 Certification shall be evidenced by the affixation of an inspection sticker (hereinafter referred to as an "approved inspection sticker") approved by the Director, DMV, on the vehicle in the place specified in the Manual, and by signing the reinspection card as specified herein.
- 605.22 Certification of a vehicle by the licensee shall constitute the licensee's representation that a certified reinspector on the licensee's payroll has inspected the vehicle and has determined that the rejected items detected at District inspection have been corrected to conform with the standards set forth in the Manual.
- 605.23 Class I licensees, upon being presented with a vehicle for repair or adjustment of rejected items detected at District inspections may occasionally opt to "farm out" part of the repair or adjustment work, that is, to have the repair or adjustment work performed with the equipment or by the employees of another firm.
- 605.24 Repair or adjustment work performed under this "farming out" option shall be deemed to be work performed under the direction of the Class I licensee. Exercise of this option shall not relieve the licensee of this ultimate duty, as set forth in this section, to have the sufficiency of all adjustments or repairs inspected by a certified reinspector on the licensee's payroll prior to certification of the vehicle.
- 605.25 Licensees who elect to exercise the "farming out" option may be held responsible in any subsequent proceedings against the licensee for any negligent and/or fraudulent repair practices perpetrated on the consumer by the party to whom the work was farmed out.
- 605.26 All Class I licensees shall conspicuously display a schedule of reinspection charges and hourly rates at the place of business and shall file a copy thereof with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.
- 605.27 The fee which a Class I station may charge for the reinspection of rejected items that have been repaired somewhere other than that station, shall not exceed the amount equal to a station's hourly charge for repair services multiplied by the average time for reinspection of an item as established in the Manual.

606 VEHICLE INSPECTION: CONDEMNED VEHICLES

- 606.1 If, upon any mechanical inspection of a motor vehicle or trailer, the Director determines that the motor vehicle cannot be operated or the trailer cannot be

moved without endangering the general safety of the District, the Director shall issue a "condemned" sticker to the registrant or other person desiring registration.

- 606.2 If, upon any mechanical inspection of a motor vehicle or trailer, the Director determines it does not conform to the equipment standards contained in the current District Inspection Manual, the Director shall issue to the registrant or person desiring registration a "condemned" sticker.
- 606.3 A registrant or person desiring registration, and to whom a "condemned" sticker was issued for a motor vehicle, shall not operate, or permit the operation of the motor vehicle upon any public highway unless and until the sticker is removed by the Director, except as provided in this section. The vehicle may be towed upon any public highway solely for the purpose of moving it to or from an inspection station.
- 606.4 Upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Director that adequate repairs have been made to the vehicle, he or she may issue a permit authorizing a motor vehicle for which a "condemned" sticker was issued to be driven from the garage to the inspection station by the most direct route.

607 PLACEMENT OF INSPECTION STICKERS ON VEHICLE

- 607.1 "Approved" stickers, "rejection" stickers, "condemned" stickers, temporary inspection stickers, and temporary registration certificates for all motor vehicles other than motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and trailers shall be affixed to the windshield in the area of the right windshield wiper arm.
- 607.2 On small compacts and foreign cars on which the windshield lies in a flat plane, stickers and certificates may be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield.
- 607.3 "Approved" stickers, "rejection" stickers, "condemned" stickers, temporary inspection stickers and temporary registration certificates for motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and trailers shall be affixed to the identification tag. Mounting tabs shall be bolted to either corner of the identification tag.

608 LOST, MUTILATED, OR DETACHED INSPECTION STICKERS

- 608.1 If an inspection sticker becomes wholly or partly detached from the place where it was attached or becomes mutilated or lost, the registrant or the person desiring registration to whom the sticker was issued, or his or her agent, shall, within seventy-two (72) hours after the detachment, mutilation, or loss is discovered, present the motor vehicle or trailer to which the sticker was attached to the District inspection station where it was originally inspected, accompanied by the sticker, unless the sticker is lost.

- 608.2 If the sticker is mutilated, it shall be accompanied by a written statement explaining how the mutilation occurred.
- 608.3 If the sticker was lost, the motor vehicle or trailer shall be accompanied by a written statement explaining how the loss occurred.

609 INSPECTION OF NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

- 609.1 Inspection of non-registered motor vehicles for which no fee shall be charged shall be limited to the following purposes:
- (a) Verification of identification numbers when required under this section, unless verification can be made as provided in § 401.15; and
 - (b) Cases in which the safe mechanical condition of a vehicle is questioned by the police or other authority.
- 609.2 Except as provided in 609.1, any motor vehicle not registered in the District of Columbia that is inspected shall pay inspection fees in accordance with § § 601.16 and 601.17.
- 609.3 Fees for the inspection of a motor vehicle that is not registered in the District shall be paid at the time of the inspection.

610 RE-INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION

- 610.1 All re-inspection stations shall have in their employment at least one (1) employee who is certified by the District Government as a motor vehicle re-inspector for those rejection items that the re-inspection station is licensed to re-inspect.
- 610.2 A re-inspector may certify re-inspections of only those rejection items for which he or she is certified.
- 610.3 A re-inspector shall be responsible for certifying that, on completion of repairs to rejected vehicle safety items, those items are in conformance with standards for those items contained in this title.
- 610.4 Upon determining that those rejected items are in conformance with the applicable standards, a re-inspector shall signify approval by signing the DMV issued re-inspection card and shall place an approved inspection sticker on the vehicle in the location prescribed in the Manual.
- 610.5 Re-inspector certification shall be issued by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for a period of two (2) years, from June 30th of every even-numbered year.
- 610.6 Any application approved during the first twelve (12) months of the certification period shall be considered as beginning on the first day of that certifying period

and shall extend for the entire normal certifying period. The total fee of twenty-five dollars (\$ 25) shall be paid at the time of the issuance of certification.

- 610.7 Any application approved after the first twelve (12) months of the normal certifying period shall be considered as beginning on that day and extending for the remainder of that certifying period. A fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) shall be paid at the time of issuance of certification.
- 610.8 A certified re-inspector shall notify the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs of his or her place of employment at the time of application and any subsequent changes.
- 610.9 Determination of a candidate's knowledge of re-inspection shall be made by the Director, DMV, for all inspections categories except exhaust emission (18 DCR § § 750 and 751), according to the following criteria:
- (a) Evidence of successful completion of Automotive Service Excellence (ABE) tests in areas other than exhaust emissions, with at least two (2) years remaining before the ABE certificate of competency expires; and
 - (b) After presentation of proper evidence for subparagraph (a) of this section, successful completion of a "hands-on" proficiency test administered by the Department of Motor Vehicle's personnel. The test shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

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611 INSPECTION STICKER ISSUANCE CONTROL

- 611.1 Approved motor vehicle inspection stickers may be obtained by a licensee from the Department of Motor Vehicles (hereinafter referred to as "DMV").
- 611.2 Approved inspection stickers shall be used only in the month for which they are valid.
- 611.3 Any unused, defective or voided stickers shall be returned to DMV as a condition for the issuance of any additional approved stickers.
- 611.4 Stickers shall be used in numerical sequence.
- 611.5 The serial number of the approved inspection sticker and the District registration tag number of the vehicle to which that sticker was issued shall be recorded on forms provided by DMV. Copies of these forms shall be returned to DMV as a condition for the issuance of any additional approved stickers.
- 611.6 Stickers shall be secured in a locked place of limited access (such as a safe or locked cabinet) and the licensee shall be responsible for their security.
- 611.7 Upon discovering that stickers have been stolen or otherwise unaccounted for, the licensee shall notify the DMV.

- 611.8 Upon the suspension, revocation, or discontinuation of a station's license, all unused stickers and copies of any records on sticker issuance shall be returned to the DMV within twenty-four (24) hours of the discontinuation.

612 REINSPECTION CARD CONTROL AND REPAIR RECORDS

- 612.1 A "motor vehicle re-inspection card" issued by the DMV inspection stations shall be presented with a rejected vehicle for re-inspection at a licensed re-inspection station.
- 612.2 A certified re-inspector shall sign the re-inspection card after the re-inspection has been completed and an approved inspection sticker has been placed on the vehicle.
- 612.3 A certified re-inspector shall also provide the information specified on the re-inspection card at the completion of the re-inspection.
- 612.4 Re-inspection cards shall be secured in a locked place of limited access (such as a safe or locked cabinet), and the licensee shall be responsible for their security.
- 612.5 Upon discovering that cards have been stolen or otherwise unaccounted for, the licensee shall notify the DMV within one (1) business day of discovery.
- 612.6 Any completed and signed re-inspection cards shall be returned to DMV as a condition for the issuance of additional approved inspection stickers.
- 612.7 Upon the suspension, revocation, or discontinuation of a station's license, all completed and signed re-inspection cards shall be returned to DMV within twenty-four (24) hours of discontinuation.
- 612.8 Class I licensees shall comply with all record keeping requirements of chapter 6 of DCMR Title 16.
- 612.9 Records required to be maintained by this part shall be made available by the licensee for examination by employees of the Department of Motor Vehicles at any time during regular business hours. Investigators and other personnel shall be granted access to the licensee's property during regular business hours.
- 612.10 Failure to permit investigators and other DMV personnel on the premises of the licenses during regular business hours for purposes of conducting investigations shall be cause for suspension. The investigations may include discussions with customers, examinations of machinery, questioning of employees, and any other investigator techniques as may be necessary for the enforcement of applicable provisions of DCMR Title 18, chapters 6 and 7.

613 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

- 613.1 Licensed re-inspection stations shall be housed in a building having garage type entrance and one (1) or more service bays.

- 613.2 [Deleted] 38 DCR 801, 802 (January 25, 1991)
- 613.3 A vehicle lift or heavy duty floor jack shall be available on the premises of all Class I "full service" stations, all Class II stations, and all Class I "limited service" stations licensed to certify repairs in the brake, steering, and suspension categories.
- 613.4 Brake testing equipment, of a drive-on horizontal scale or roller tester type, shall be available on the premises of all Class I "full service" stations, all Class II stations, and all Class I "limited service" stations licensed to certify repairs in the brake system category. A suitable road test procedure approved by the Director, DMV, may be used in place of the equipment cited in this section.
- 613.5 A tire tread depth gauge calibrated in 32nds of an inch shall be available on the premises of Class I "full service" stations, Class II stations and Class I "limited service" centers licensed to certify repairs in the steering, suspension, tires, and wheel category.

614 [DELETED]

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615 LICENSE DISPLAY, IDENTIFYING SIGN, AND ADVERTISING

- 615.1 A current re-inspection station license shall be conspicuously displayed in the licensee's place of business.
- 615.2 Licenses shall describe the class and rejection categories that the re-inspection station is limited.
- 615.3 All Class I licensees shall conspicuously display an identifying sign made to DMV specifications and indicating the following:
- (a) Official authorization to perform vehicle re-inspection services;
 - (b) The re-inspection services offered; and
 - (c) The re-inspection station license number.
- 615.4 Any advertisements of re-inspection service shall include a description of the class and rejection categories in which the station is licensed.

616 DENIAL, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION

- 616.1 The Director, DCRA may suspend or revoke the reinspection station license or reinspection certification for cause, including but not limited to, the commission of one (1) or more of the following:

- (a) Violation of any provisions of this chapter or any other applicable provisions of DCMR Title 18;
 - (b) Knowingly make false statements or misrepresentations in securing the business license or in the conduct of the licensed activity;
 - (c) Conviction of a felony; and
 - (d) Violation of any applicable provisions of § 600 of DCMR Title 16.
- 616.2 CRA procedures that apply to the suspension or revocation of businesses licensed by DCRA, including hearing and appeal procedures, shall apply to the suspensions or revocation of a reinspection station license or reinspection certification under § 616.1.
- 616.3 Upon suspension or revocation of a reinspection license, the licensee shall surrender to the Director, DCRA the reinspection license and remove the reinspection station sign from public view.
- 616.4 Upon suspension or revocation of a reinspector certification the reinspector shall surrender to the Director, DCRA, the reinspector certification.

617 INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION

- 617.1 All IM-240 exhaust emissions inspections, established by § 752, performed as part of the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Inspection Program shall be performed by inspectors who have been certified by the Director as to their knowledge of the inspection procedures and technical matters related to those procedures.
- 617.2 Inspector certifications shall be issued by the Director for a period of two (2) years.
- 617.3 For inspectors who have not previously been issued a certificate, the Director's determination of an individual's knowledge of the IM-240 inspection procedures and technical matters related to those procedures shall be based upon the candidate's successful completion of the following items:
- (a) The Department of Motor Vehicles training course;
 - (b) A written test passed with a minimum of eighty percent (80%) correct responses, that shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following topics:
 - (1) Rules, regulations and vehicle standards contained in chapters 6 and 7 of this title;
 - (2) Rules, regulations and standards contained in 40 CFR part 51 related to IM-240 inspections;
 - (3) Calibration, operation, and maintenance of any necessary test equipment; and

- (4) Other requirements related to IM-240 inspections as specified in 40 CFR Part 51.367; and
- (c) A "hands-on" proficiency test that shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (1) Performance of the IM-240 test within operational guidelines established by the Director, DMV, and
 - (2) Calibration, operation, and maintenance of any necessary test equipment.

617.4 For inspectors who have been issued a certificate, but who seek renewal at the expiration of the two (2) year certification period, the Director shall establish the procedures as he or she considers necessary to determine the inspector's knowledge of the IM-240 inspection procedures and technical matters related to those procedures, including requiring the inspector to take refresher training.

618 AUTOMOTIVE EMISSIONS REPAIR TECHNICIAN

618.1 The Department may provide training and retraining in the appropriate IM 240 diagnostic and repair procedures and technical matters related to those procedures, and shall maintain a list of approved courses providing equivalent training.

618.2 A training course offered by the Department, and any training course approved by the Director, must, at a minimum, require Automotive Emissions Repair Technicians to pass:

- (a) A written test that consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following topics:
 - (1) Diagnostic and repair procedures for IM-240 related emission failures;
 - (2) The relationships between automotive emissions and air pollution;
 - (3) Rules, regulations and vehicle standards contained in chapters 6 and 7 of this title; and
 - (4) Rules, regulations and standards contained in 40 CFR Part 51.370 regarding IM-240 inspections; and
- (b) A proficiency examination conducted to test the Automotive Emissions Repair Technician's independent knowledge of the subject and repair techniques. The proficiency examination shall consist of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following topics and skills:
 - (1) Performance of IM-240 related emission diagnostic procedures;
 - (2) Performance of IM-240 related emission repair procedures; and

(3) Calibration, operation, and maintenance of any necessary test equipment.

- 618.3 The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, shall establish the criteria for passing the tests established by this section.
- 618.4 The Director shall issue an Automotive Emissions Repair Technician certification to any person who has successfully completed a training course offered or approved by the Department. The certification shall be valid for a period of two (2) years.
- 618.5 The Director may issue an automotive Emissions Repair Technician Certification to any person who has received certification by another state, if that state has been designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as being in serious non-attainment for ozone, or if that state is implementing an enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program pursuant to federal law, and if the certification is valid at the time of application for certification in the District.
- 618.6 The Director shall issue an Automotive Emissions Repair Technician recertification upon proof that the applicant has successfully completed a recertification training course offered or approved by the Department. The recertification course must, at a minimum, require Automotive emissions Repair Technicians to pass written and performance examinations to determine skill and knowledge of the IM-240 diagnostic and repair procedures, and technical matters related to those procedures.

619 VEHICLE EMISSION RECALL COMPLIANCE

- 619.1 Owners of all motor vehicles subject to unresolved emissions recall notices issued after November 1, 1998, shall provide proof at the next motor vehicle inspection or vehicle registration renewal date that the necessary repairs were completed.
- 619.2 Failure to complete the required recall repairs, and to provide proof that the repairs were completed, shall result in the failed inspection of the vehicle or the denial of vehicle registration, whichever occurs first.
- 619.3 Proof of recall repairs shall be documented by electronic records or paper receipts provided by a certified IM-240 automotive emissions repair technician.
- 619.4 Documentation verifying required repairs shall include the following:
- (a) The VIN, make, and model year of the vehicle;
 - (b) The recall campaign number;
 - (c) A description of the repairs made; and
 - (d) The date repairs were completed.

619.5 Compliance with this section shall be required at the next registration or inspection date, allowing a reasonable period to comply, after notification of recall is received by the District.