OWNER-MUST-DRIVE RULES
PROPOSED CHANGES TO OMD REQUIREMENTS

TLC COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2015
OMD HISTORY

- Passed in 1990 – prior to this date, no requirement for Independent Medallion Owners to drive.

- Purpose of Rules: To promote safety and customer service. TLC data indicated that owner-drivers provide better and safer service.

- Rules included:
  - Minimum number of shifts required to be driven by Medallion Owner yearly (210 nine-hour shifts).
  - Accommodations for an inheriting spouse.
  - Penalties/fines for non-compliance.
CHANGES TO ALL DRIVER SEGMENTS

- 2011 - Rules modified to provide more flexibility to owners of OMD Medallions.

- 2014 - All Driver Segments and Medallion Types
  - City Council actions in support of Vision Zero initiative.
    - Accountability when vehicle crashes result in critical injury or death.
    - Changes to the TLC Persistent Violator program to include DMV points.
  - TLC changes to Driver Training Curriculum to assure all drivers are safer/better drivers.
    - Defensive Driving course.
    - Distracted Driving course.
    - Remedial Course for Persistent Violators

- 2015 – Proposed OMD Revisions
Number of Required “Shifts”

- Changed to “Hours” on a yearly basis.
- Also applies to Inheriting Spouse requirements.

General Rule

- Reduced driving requirements from 180 nine-hour shifts (1,620 hours yearly) to 900 hours yearly.

Special Rule for Individuals

- Reduced driving requirements from 150 seven-hour shifts (1,050 hours yearly) to 600 hours yearly if 62 or older and meets other requirements.

Fines for Missed Hours

- Reduced from between $1,000 and $10,000 to between $500 and $4,000.
PROPOSED OMD REVISIONS

Independent Driver Option

- Reduction from 10 years to 5 years for:
  - Medallion Ownership
  - Previously meeting the OMD requirements
- Timing flexibility in the election of the Independent Driver Option.
- Penalties reduced from $5,000 or $2,500 (62+) to $1,000 or $500 (62+)

Waivers

- Length of time waivers can be granted increased from up to six months to up to twelve months.