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## NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FOR NEW REGULATION, OR CHANGES TO EXISTING REGULATION:

The Nevada Taxicab Authority, 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, is proposing new, and or amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 706 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The Nevada Taxicab Authority will conduct a Workshop regarding use of credit cards and fees associated therewith.

The workshop is scheduled for **10:00 A.M.**, **Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>**, **2010** in the Nevada Taxicab Authority Board room - Suite 200. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in a new regulation, or in changes to an existing regulation:

- Credit card fee must be reviewed annually by the Taxicab Authority as part of the annual review of rates and medallions.
- Clark County taxicab companies should be required to report income from credit card processing fees as a separate line item on their annual financial reports regardless of whether or not the company is the processing agent or if a third party is used.
- Taxicab Company must provide the customer with a printed receipt for every credit card transaction.
- Transaction must be conducted by the customer; the customer must not be required to hand their credit card over to the driver.
- Transactions can only be conducted in a Clark County taxicab by utilizing a secure electronic credit card processing system.
- Credit card processing fee must be conspicuously displayed on the outside of the taxicab.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting Barbara Webb, 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 at 702-668-4025. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

The Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY LAS VEGAS CITY HALL CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT GRANT SAWYER BUILDING

#### NRS 233B.0607 Proposed permanent or temporary regulation: Filing; availability; contents.

- 1. The agency shall at the time of giving the notice of intent to act upon a regulation required pursuant to NRS 233B.060:
- (a) Deposit one copy of the notice and text of the proposed regulation with the State Library and Archives Administrator;
- (b) Keep at least one copy of the notice and text available in each of its offices from the date of the notice to the date of the hearing, for inspection and copying by the public; and
- (c) If the agency does not maintain an office in a county, deposit one copy of the notice and text with the librarian of the main public library in the county.
- 2. The text of the proposed regulation so disseminated must include the entire text of any section of the Nevada Administrative Code which is proposed for amendment or repeal.
- 3. After the final version of an adopted regulation is received, each such librarian may discard the deposited copy of the text of the proposed regulation.

(Added to NRS by 1983, 1125; A 1983, 1245; 1985, 1489; 1995, 130; 1997, 3151; 2007, 873)

# NRS 233B.0608 Proposed permanent or temporary regulation: Determination of impact on small businesses; consultation with owners and officers of small businesses; consideration of methods to reduce impact on small businesses; preparation of small business impact statement

- 1. Before conducting a workshop for a proposed regulation pursuant to <u>NRS 233B.061</u>, an agency shall determine whether the proposed regulation is likely to:
  - (a) Impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business; or
  - (b) Directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.
- 2. If an agency determines pursuant to subsection 1 that a proposed regulation is likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business, the agency shall:
  - (a) Insofar as practicable, consult with owners and officers of small businesses that are likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.
  - (b) Consider methods to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses, including, without limitation:
    - (1) Simplifying the proposed regulation;
    - (2) Establishing different standards of compliance for a small business; and
    - (3) Modifying a fee or fine set forth in the regulation so that a small business is authorized to pay a lower fee or fine.
- (c) Prepare a small business impact statement and make copies of the statement available to the public at the workshop conducted and the public hearing held pursuant to NRS 233B.061.
- 3. The agency shall prepare a statement identifying the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of a proposed regulation on a small business.

(Added to NRS by 1999, 2070; A 2005, 1480)

### NRS 233B.0609 Proposed permanent or temporary regulation: Contents of small business impact statement. A small business impact statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 must set forth the following information:

- 1. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.
  - 2. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:
  - (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and
  - (b) Both direct and indirect effects.
- 3. A description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.
  - 4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.
- 5. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.
- 6. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.

(Added to NRS by 1999, 2071)

### NRS 233B.061 Proposed permanent or temporary regulation: Public comment; workshop; public hearing; applicability of Open Meeting Law.

- 1. All interested persons must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to submit data, views or arguments upon a proposed regulation, orally or in writing.
- 2. Before holding the public hearing required pursuant to subsection 3, an agency shall conduct at least one workshop to solicit comments from interested persons on one or more general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation. Not less than 15 days before the workshop, the agency shall provide notice of the time and place set for the workshop:
  - (a) In writing to each person who has requested to be placed on a mailing list; and
- (b) In any other manner reasonably calculated to provide such notice to the general public and any business that may be affected by a proposed regulation which addresses the general topics to be considered at the workshop.
- 3. With respect to substantive regulations, the agency shall set a time and place for an oral public hearing, but if no one appears who will be directly affected by the proposed regulation and requests an oral hearing, the agency may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions. The agency shall consider fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed regulation.
- 4. An agency shall not hold the public hearing required pursuant to subsection 3 on the same day that the agency holds the workshop required pursuant to subsection 2.
- 5. Each workshop and public hearing required pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of <u>chapter</u> 241 of NRS.

(Added to NRS by 1983, 1125; A 1989, 571; 1997, 185; 2005, 1407; 2007, 873; 2009, 2284)