

# THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

In Re: Proposed Rulemaking Order :  
Philadelphia Taxicab and :  
Taxicab Vehicle Standards : Docket No. 126-11  
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## PROPOSED RULEMAKING ORDER

### BY THE AUTHORITY:

The Authority is the sole regulator<sup>1</sup> of all taxicab and limousine service in Philadelphia.<sup>2</sup> The purpose of the proposed rulemaking is to improve the quality and capability of taxicabs in Philadelphia. The proposed rulemaking will require all vehicles proposed for medallion taxicab service after a designated date, to be wheelchair accessible and otherwise comply with the Authority's wheelchair accessible regulations, including those related to vehicle age and mileage requirements. Similar requirements will apply to partial-rights taxicabs. The Authority seeks comments from all interested parties on the proposed regulation, which are found at Annex A to this Order.

### A. Background and discussion.

The Authority continues to experience an unwillingness on the part of taxicab owners in Philadelphia to, voluntarily, upgrade and improve the quality of taxicabs.<sup>3</sup> The riding public continues to endure service in the oldest and most worn vehicles that a taxicab owner can legally get on the road. While the condition of taxicabs has improved significantly since the Authority's regulatory functions began and a minimum of 2 annual "wheels off" inspections began in

<sup>1</sup> The act of July 16, 2004, (P.L. 758, No. 94), 53 Pa.C.S. §§5701 *et seq.*, as amended, (the "act")

<sup>2</sup> The Authority may promulgate taxicab and limousine regulations. 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 5722 and 5742.

<sup>3</sup> See 53 Pa.C.S. § 5712(a).

