THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

In Re: Safety Camera Installation Schedule : Board Order No. 15-0005

ORDER

Taxicab safety cameras were scheduled to be in place in all Philadelphia taxicabs on or before February 23, 2015.

On February 24, 2015, upon request of the taxicab industry, the Authority extended the date upon which all Philadelphia taxicabs were required to operate with the safety cameras. The extension was granted primarily due to technical complications and operational limitations of both third party suppliers and taxicab owners. This Board directed the Taxicab and Limousine Division (“TLD”) to reschedule vehicle inspections conducted pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1017.71(b) to a date beginning after August 15, 2015 (“Installation Deadline”).

Technical and logistical issues related to the installation of safety cameras have now been resolved. Also, the Authority’s Proposed Rulemaking Order No. 126-12 will amend the safety camera regulation to eliminate all wireless transmission requirements. This requirement caused both technical and financial concerns among members of the regulated community and limited the current field of potential vendors. The successful completion of safety camera inspections by the Enforcement Department will not be impacted by the inability of the safety camera system to transmit images.

In anticipation of the implementation of regulation 126-12 and in recognition of the need to move forward with this important safety initiative, and in order to accommodate adjustments in the industry associated with this change, it is hereby ORDERED that that the Installation Deadline be extended to October 15, 2015.
We are confident that nearly 4 months is a sufficient amount of time to complete the installation of safety cameras without wireless transmission requirements in all taxicabs, particularly if owners engage in this process in a deliberate fashion.

It is further ORDERED that the Authority will adhere to the image use and retention protocols provided for in Final Rulemaking Order 126-10, which was adopted and approved on this date. Such adherence shall include all limitations upon access to images on safety camera local storage devices and the use of images recovered through such access.

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Joseph T. Ashdale
Chairman
(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: June 25, 2015
ORDER ENTERED: June 25, 2015

Certified:

Alfred W. Taubenberger
Vice-Chairman/Secretary
(SEAL)