SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 250121-005

WHEREAS, The SFMTA would like to reform and modernize taxicab rules and regulations to ensure a high standard of public safety and customer service while updating requirements to better allow innovation and competition; and,

WHEREAS, All Taxis and Ramp Taxis are inspected by the SFMTA or its designee, every six months if they are used as spare vehicles, have 200,000 miles or more on the odometer, or if the vehicle is older than nine Model Years, and every 12 months for regular vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, As part of the inspection, Taxis must submit a valid and current Brake Certificate issued by an official inspection station certified by the State of California within 60 days prior to the inspection; and,

WHEREAS, On September 28, 2021, the Governor of California signed Assembly Bill 471 (AB471) (Low), legislation that ended the brake and lamp inspection programs; and,

WHEREAS, On of September 27, 2024, the California Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) and their licensed stations and technicians ceased issuing certificates as part of the brake and lamp inspection programs; and,

WHEREAS, 19-point inspections have become the standard in the Motor Vehicle for Hire industry; and,

WHEREAS, The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies to "projects" that have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment; and,

WHEREAS, On January 9, 2025, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed Transportation Code amendments are not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and is incorporated herein by reference; and be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amends the Transportation Code, Division II, Article 1100, Section 1113(s)(1)(B) to eliminate the requirement that Taxis submit a valid and current Brake Certificate issued by an official inspection station certified by the State of California during inspections and imposes a requirement that Taxis undergo a 19-point inspection as part of the regular inspection process; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any Taxis that have been inspected by the Ground Transportation Unit (GTU) between the end of the Brake Certificate Program and the effective date of this proposed regulation change will be required to undergo a 19-point inspection and submit proof to the GTU no later than 45 days after the effective date.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of January 21, 2025.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Transportation Code – Regulation of Motor Vehicles for Hire]

Resolution amending the Transportation Code to eliminate the requirement that Taxis submit a valid and current brake certificate issued by an official inspection station certified by the State of California during inspections and imposing a requirement that Taxis undergo a 19-point inspection as part of the annual or semiannual inspection process.

NOTE: **Additions** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions are in ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
Asterisks (*   *   *   *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 1100 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by revising Section 1113(s), to read as follows:

SEC. 1113. TAXI AND RAMP TAXI EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

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(s)   **Inspections**.

(1)   **Inspection Required.** All Taxis and Ramp Taxis shall be inspected by the SFMTA or its designee, every six months if they are used as spare vehicles, have 200,000 miles or more on the odometer, or if the vehicle is older than nine Model Years, and every 12 months for regular vehicles, at a date and time designated by the SFMTA, and at any other

time deemed necessary by the SFMTA. At the time of a scheduled inspection of the vehicle, the Color Scheme or Taxi or Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder must provide the following:

> (A) Valid and current State of California vehicle registration.

> (B) ~~Valid and current Brake Certificate issued~~ _Proof of 19-point inspection_

by an ~~official~~ inspection station certified by the State of California within 60 days prior to inspection _on a form provided by SFMTA_.

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Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this resolution.

Section 3. Scope of Resolution. In enacting this resolution, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly shown in this resolution as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the resolution.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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