

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO MOTOR CARRIERS; AMENDING
3 SECTION 22½-9B OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES (“CODE”);
4 AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN
5 EFFECTIVE DATE.

6 (Sponsored by Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers and Cosponsored by Commissioner
7 Alexandra P. Davis)

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9 WHEREAS, Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances (“Code”)
10 governs motor carrier operations within Broward County, including minimum vehicle
11 standards for taxicabs;

12 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners
13 (“Commission”) amended the Code to limit the age of taxicabs operating in the County,
14 but provided time for taxicabs lawfully permitted and operating as of July 1, 2025, to
15 comply with the new standards;

16 WHEREAS, citing the substantial economic burden associated with acquiring
17 newer vehicles, some independent taxicab owners have requested additional time to
18 comply with the new standards; and

19 WHEREAS, the Commission desires to extend the deadline for taxicabs to comply
20 with the vehicle age requirements scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2026,

21 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
22 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

23 Section 1. Section 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9B of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is
24 hereby amended to read as follows:

25 **Sec. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9B. Operations—Minimum vehicle standards.**

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27 (g) Effective July 1, 2026, all motor vehicles operating as taxicabs shall meet
28 one (1) of the following conditions:

29 (1) The motor vehicle is not more than ten (10) model years old; or

30 (2) The motor vehicle is more than ten (10) but not more than fifteen (15) model
31 years old and has an odometer reading of less than one hundred fifty
32 thousand (150,000) miles.

33 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any taxicab lawfully permitted and operating as of
34 July 1, 2025, may continue to operate until June 30, 2030, provided that the taxicab is
35 fifteen (15) model years of age or less, and continues to comply with all applicable
36 inspection requirements and minimum vehicle standards set forth in this chapter. Any
37 taxicab lawfully permitted and operating as of July 1, 2025, exceeding fifteen (15) model
38 years of age may continue to operate until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, provided that the taxicab
39 continues to comply with all applicable inspection requirements and minimum vehicle
40 standards set forth in this chapter. In addition, the Director may authorize, in writing, the
41 operation of themed or specialty taxicabs beyond the model year limitations in this section
42 if each vehicle is maintained in safe operating condition and complies with all inspection
43 and minimum vehicle standards in this chapter. For purposes of this section, “themed or

44 specialty taxicabs” means a fleet of at least ten (10) taxicabs under common ownership
45 or control that share a uniform distinctive vehicle body style or design that reflects a
46 cultural or historical theme.

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48 Section 2. Severability.

49 If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
50 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
51 Ordinance. If any court determines that this Ordinance, in whole or in part, cannot be
52 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
53 determination will not affect the applicability of this Ordinance to any other individual,
54 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

55 Section 3. Inclusion in the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

56 It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this
57 Ordinance become part of the Broward County Code of Ordinances as of the effective
58 date. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word
59 “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or such other appropriate word or
60 phrase to the extent necessary to accomplish such intention.

61 Section 4. Effective Date.

62 This Ordinance is effective as of the date provided by law.

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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