

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 Mayor Mark D. Bogen)

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

11 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners previously amended
12 Section 22½-9B to establish model year and mileage limitations for taxicabs operating
13 within Broward County;

14 WHEREAS, the Board finds that allowing wheelchair accessible taxicabs to
15 operate until fifteen (15) model years of age, regardless of mileage, while continuing to
16 require compliance with all inspection requirements and minimum vehicle standards,
17 serves the public health, safety, and welfare; and

18 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend
19 Section 22½-9B of the Code to provide this limited exception to current mileage limitations
20 for wheelchair accessible taxicabs,

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

23 Section 1. Section 22½-9B of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is
24 hereby amended to read as follows:

25 **Sec. 22½-9B. 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; or

33 (3) The motor vehicle has a certificate to operate as a wheelchair accessible
34 taxicab and is not more than fifteen (15) model years old.

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

44 if each vehicle is maintained in safe operating condition and complies with all inspection
45 and minimum vehicle standards in this chapter. For purposes of this section, “themed or
46 specialty taxicabs” means a fleet of at least ten (10) taxicabs under common ownership
47 or control that share a uniform distinctive vehicle body style or design that reflects a
48 cultural or historical theme.

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50 Section 2. Severability.

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

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

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

63 Section 4. Effective Date.

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

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FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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