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Attention Cab Operator:

During recent inspections of taxi meters, the City of Milwaukee Health Department has observed several practices that are out of compliance with meter inspection standards. This letter is to advise you of these requirements that will be enforced at your next meter inspection.

1. The City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, Chapter 100-52, limits the number of extras that can be added to a fare. Extras beyond one additional over the passenger limit of the vehicle will result in the meter being rejected. For example, for a cab with a capacity of three passengers, the meter would have the ability to add up to four extras – three passengers and one extra for luggage. Vans with a capacity of five passengers would be able to add up to six extras. Airport cabs and vans would have the ability to add an additional extra.
2. The meters in all cabs and vans must be mounted high enough so that the meter is visible to passengers in the rear seats. The meter must be visible from behind the driver and the passenger seats. It may not be mounted near the floor. Failure to have the meter mounted in a visible manner will result in the meter being rejected.
3. All meters tested after November 11th, 2009, must be sealed to the mounting bracket in the car or van. Failure to have the meter sealed to the bracket will result in the City of Milwaukee Police Department rejecting your meter at the police check. Also, the police may pull your tag and have your cab suspended from use if the seal is broken.
4. All calibration of meters after March 31st, 2010, must be done by a licensed company and a certified technician. Failure to do so will result in the meter being rejected. A receipt must accompany all meter tests, and failure to have a receipt at the test will result in the meter not being tested by the City of Milwaukee Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Failure to meet all of the above four requirements will result in the meter being rejected. Questions regarding these requirements may be directed to Jay Labecki at 414-286-6013 between 8 and 9:30 a.m.

Yours truly,

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