
Washington Administrative Code Notice of Permanent Rules for **Limousine Services**

This explanatory statement concerns the **Washington State Department of Licensing's adoption of changes to Chapter 308-83 WAC, Limousine services**

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rule making.

Once persons who gave comment during this rule making have had a chance to receive this document, the Department of Licensing will file the amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing May 6, 2016.

The Department of Licensing appreciates your involvement in this rule making process. If you have any questions, please contact Damon Monroe, Agency Rules Coordinator, at (360) 902-3843 or e-mail at dmonroe@dol.wa.gov.

What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?

- Enable enforcement of civil infractions under chapter 46.72A RCW
- Add safety equipment requirements
- Change the definition of an executive sedan limousine, to adjust to wheel base and model changes made by automotive manufacturers.

Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and the agency's response to those comments:

Two written comments were received:

- One written comment expressed concerns regarding proposed changes to WAC 308-83-010 and communicated opposition to changing the definition of executive sedan.

The comment included findings from research that identified a replacement vehicle option that would meet the current definition of executive sedan. The commenter further noted with the replacement vehicle option there would be no need to change the definition and by changing the definition it would further compound current inspection issues.

- A second written comment was received that supported the first written comment.

One oral testimony comment was heard at the hearing:

- One attendee that provided written comment of opposition to changing the definition of executive sedan testified neither in support nor in opposition to the proposed rules. She commented that they do not have concerns with the majority of the language and reiterated what was previously provided as written comment.

Department Response:

- The Lincoln MKT, provided as an option for a vehicle that meets the current definition of executive sedan, does not meet the current or proposed executive sedan definition. The referenced model is a crossover wagon with a seating capacity of 5 or 6 behind the driver, instead of the maximum of 3 person's required by the current and proposed executive sedan definition.
- The department will continue to work with stakeholders and business partners to monitor impacts to inspection and regulatory processes and consider additional regulatory changes.

WAC Changes:

No new changes.