



WINNIPEG PARKING AUTHORITY
Vehicle for Hire Division
VEHICLE FOR HIRE REGULATIONS

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| SUBJECT: | CAMERA SPECIFICATIONS | VFH-18-003 |
| CATEGORY: | Taxis | REVISION DATE: November 14, 2022 |
| PURPOSE: To indicate minimum standards and requirements for in-car cameras | | |
| REFERENCE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 23• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 25(f)• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 38(1)(g)(ii)• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 38(2)• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 45(2)• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 73(3)(g) | | |
| General <p>In accordance with the above noted sections of the Vehicle for Hire By-law (“the By-law”) specific requirements with respect to cameras in taxicabs and, are in place for both dispatchers and vehicles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• s.23: the period of time a dispatcher must ensure that data gathered by a camera is retained;• s.25(f) & s.45(2): specifications regarding signage indicating that a camera is used in a vehicle for hire;• In accordance with section 38(1)(g)(ii) of the By-law, in order to qualify for a taxi licence, a vehicle must be equipped with an operating in-vehicle camera approved by the designated employee. <p>This regulation applies to all dispatchers that provide dispatch services to taxis or accessible taxis, and to all vehicles operated as a taxi. Drivers are required to visually inspect the camera periodically for defects and report the problems to the taxi licence holder immediately.</p> <p>Additionally, in accordance with s.60.1 of the By-law, a taxi driver must ensure that the in-vehicle camera required by sub-clause 38(1)(g)(ii) is operating as intended and that it has not been tampered with.</p> <p>A certificate confirming the camera is working accurately must be obtained from an authorized camera shop each licence renewal period, or at the request and direction of the Designated Employee or enforcement officer.</p> Definitions <p>“camera” is defined as being the camera installed in a vehicle pursuant to s. 38(1)(g)(ii) of the By-law.</p> | | |

Camera Specifications

A standard taxi or accessible taxi must be equipped with an in-vehicle camera that

- a) is of a make and model approved by the City, according to the specifications identified in Schedule A; and
- b) is mounted on the inside of the windshield, or in another suitable position in the front of the passenger compartment, facing rearward into the vehicle in order to capture images of all occupants of the taxicab at any given time as well as audio recording.

An in-vehicle camera shall only be installed in a metered taxi by an installer approved by the City.

Camera memory cards must be secured so that only a City of Winnipeg enforcement officer or the Winnipeg Police Service can access the memory card. When warranted, a camera SD card may be seized by enforcement for investigation purposes.

Signage

All vehicles for hire equipped with an in-vehicle camera shall display an in-vehicle camera decal, to inform passengers that an in-vehicle camera system is being used in the taxicab or vehicle for hire,

- a) that is printed with a double-sided message that is approved by the designated employee and is able to be read both from outside and inside the vehicle, and
- b) that is clearly visible at all times.

At this time, only those vehicles for hire designated as taxicabs may have an audio/video recording camera that is "in-vehicle" facing.

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Schedule A – Camera Specifications

Effective November 14th, 2022 the following model(s) of camera are approved and associated specifications apply:

Models:

- 247 Security Camera System TVS6 (minimum 64GB SD card)
- Radio Engineering Industries (REI) SD-300 (minimum 64GB SD card)
- Janus Cam V2HD (minimum 128GB SD card)
- Janus G3 (minimum 512GB SD card)

All cameras must be capable of recording both video and audio and configured to do so.

The camera must be capable of recording and retaining a minimum of 14 days of data before the record is over-written.

Effective March 1, 2023 the following camera unit will be phased out and no longer accepted for use in City of Winnipeg taxis and must be replaced prior to Taxi Licence renewal:

Model: Verifeye G6 CMOS camera head and Mark V control unit
(black or red control unit, minimum 32GB SD card)

All approved cameras must meet the requirements of this Regulation and all conditions provided to the manufacturer in accordance with their approval.

An alternative model of camera may be proposed by the camera manufacturer or distributor, for approval by the City, if it has the equivalent or better capability and security features. To request information on the camera approval pilot project, contact the Vehicles for Hire office at 204-986-7132 or wpa-vfh-enforcement@winnipeg.ca