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CERTIFICATION - ASE CERTIFIED MECHANIC/TECHNICIAN

I, (insert name of mechanic or technician) _____, hereby certify that I am an automobile mechanic or technician certified in Automotive Service Excellence. I have attached a copy of my ASE Certification.

On (insert date) _____, I inspected the following vehicle:

Make: _____
Model: _____
Year: _____
VIN: _____

Further, I certify that the vehicle meets the following minimum requirements as outlined in the City of Melbourne Code of Ordinances, Section 34-69:

Sec. 34-69. General mechanical condition; applicability; authority to inspect.

(a) All vehicles for hire shall be kept in a clean, sanitary, and safe mechanical condition and be free of dented fenders, missing grilles, bumpers, body rust, general deterioration, etc. All vehicles for hire shall meet the following minimum safety and equipment standards:

(1) Tires. Tires shall be of the size approved by the manufacturer, with no mismatched size tires on the vehicle. There shall be no cuts into the tire cord or sidewall area or localized worn spots that expose the ply. No tire is permitted with less than one-sixteenth (1/16) inches remaining when measured in any two grooves at three equally spaced intervals around the circumference of the tire, or when the tire has tread wear indicators.

(2) Operational horn. The vehicle shall be equipped with an operational horn easily accessible to the driver.

(3) Windows. The windshield, side and rear windows shall operate as designed and assembled with no breakage, cracks or pits that may impair visibility or hinder the safety of passengers. No windows on vehicles for hire shall be composed of, covered by, or treated with any material, which would cause the vehicle to be in violation of Section 316.295, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

(4) Doors. All doors must have operating handles that allow opening from both inside and outside. Handles, knobs and armrests are to be free of breaks and must be securely mounted. Door hinges and hold stops must function correctly. Door seals and gaskets must be intact and operating to seal water and odors from entering the passenger compartment from outside. All door panels must be intact to prevent accidental injuries on door and window mechanisms.

(5) *Seat condition.* Seat covers shall be permanently attached or fixed to all seats in the vehicle for hire, and have no exposed wire or sharp edges either from metal or hardened vinyl. The rear seat must be of a type, size and mounting approved by the vehicle manufacturer. No broken springs, sagging or horizontal slippage is allowable in any seat.

(6) *Floor condition.* Floor covering material shall be secure and contain no rips or loose folds. The floorboard of the vehicle for hire shall be free of rust and holes.

(7) *Loose objects.* No loose objects or moving objects or externally mounted speakers shall be placed on the deck behind the rear seat or on the front dashboard. No decorations or other objects will be permitted to hang from permanently mounted fixtures.

(8) *Seat belts.* Each vehicle shall have seat belts available for passengers in all seats, including spaces designed to accommodate wheelchairs. Seat belts shall be provided in operating condition and easily accessible by all passengers. For the purposes of this section, seat belts, which are placed under the seat or between the lower and upper portions of the seat, are deemed not easily accessible.

(9) *Windshield wipers.* Each vehicle for hire shall have standard, operational windshield wipers for the entire front windshield, which shall be controlled electronically or by vacuum and operated from the interior of the vehicle for hire. The wiper blades shall be in such a condition as to make firm contact with the windshield when operational, and shall not be torn or badly worn.

(10) *Brakes.* Each vehicle for hire shall contain an operational parking brake and primary braking system, which acts on all four vehicle wheels. There shall be no visible leaks in the brake line, wheel cylinder or any part of the brake system and no frayed cables. All primary brake systems shall demonstrate a reasonable total braking force when tested, using the "quick stop method" and with the vehicle for hire operating at a speed of at least 20 miles per hour. Brake linings and/or disc pads, when measured at the thinnest point, shall not be less than one-sixteenth (1/16) of an inch. Brake linings and/or pads shall also be firmly attached to the brake shoes and/or disc coupler. Disc brake rotors and brake drums shall be of a size and type appropriate for the vehicle, with no cracks or other damage, which change or impair the functional service.

(11) *Headlights, turn signals, brake lights, and tail lamps.* Each vehicle for hire shall be equipped with operational State of Florida approved headlights, and turn indicating lamps or devices on the front and rear of the vehicle and foot-brake-activated stop lights on the rear of the vehicle. Each vehicle for hire shall also have a tail lamp so situated on the vehicle as to illuminate the rear license plate with a white light and render it clearly legible.

(12) *Steering mechanism.* Steering mechanisms shall neither be worn or jammed, nor shall there be more than two inches play to the left or right of center, measured at the steering wheel rim with the road wheels in a straight ahead position, on wheels up to 18 inches in diameter, or three inches of play on wheels over 18 inches.

(13) *Exhaust system.* There shall be no leakage of gas at the manifold gaskets, manifold and exhaust line gasket, muffler and muffler connections or at any other point in the exhaust system as determined through a visual and audible inspection. The tail pipe shall discharge exhaust from the rear or sides of the passenger and luggage compartment. No part of the exhaust system shall pass through or leak into the part of the vehicle occupied by passengers, as determined by visual inspection.

(14) *Air conditioning and heating.* Every vehicle for hire shall be equipped with an adequately operating air conditioning, heating system and windshield defrost or defogging system.

(15) Two-way radio. All vehicles for hire shall be equipped with a permanently attached operational two-way radio or comparable wireless communication device such that office dispatchers may immediately and effectively notify vehicle drivers of requests for service and such that drivers may immediately and effectively request assistance should assistance be needed.

I certify that the information provided on this Certification by me is true and correct.

Signature of mechanic or technician

Printed name

Date

Attachment: Copy of ASE Certification