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A flat rate for-hire vehicle transports people for compensation, but are different from a for-hire vehicle with a meter (i.e. taxicab) because they charge a flat rate per trip, rather than a metered fare.

Flat rate for-hire vehicles have the same requirements as a metered for-hire vehicle as outlined in Tacoma Municipal Code 6B.220 with the exception of a meter inspection and inspection fee.

To ensure that there is no confusion between a metered and flat rate for-hire vehicle, a flat rate for-hire vehicle must follow these requirements:

- The exterior of vehicle must be clearly marked as “flat rate”
- The words “taxi,” “cab” or “taxicab” cannot be marked on the vehicle
- There shall be no meter inside the vehicle
- There shall be no top “taxi” light on the vehicle
- The flat rate (fare) must be transparent to the rider before accepting the ride

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