GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2020-049
March 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Waiver for motor carriers and drivers transporting emergency relief supplies, equipment, and persons in response to COVID-19

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422(6) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code §§ 1-204.22(6) and (11) (2016 Repl.), in accordance with section 4(3)(L) of the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 21, 2002 D.C. Law 14–137, D.C. Official Code § 50–921.03(3)(L) (2019 Supp.), section 5(b)(6) of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-149, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304(b)(6) (2018 Repl.), the nationwide emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, under 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.*, the emergency declaration of the Acting Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration under 49 CFR § 390.23 issued by, issued March 3, 2020 (No. 2020-002), and 49 CFR § 390.23(a)(l)(i), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. In order to provide preparedness and response support to areas affected by the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), exemptions may be granted for overweight, over width, registration, license, and hours of service to all motor carriers and drivers transporting emergency relief supplies or otherwise providing direct assistance in support of emergency relief efforts, to, through and from any area of the District of Columbia. This authorization applies to water, food, medical supplies and equipment, supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of transmission of COVID-19, supplies and equipment necessary to establish and manage temporary facilities in response to COVID-19, heating oil, motor fuels, and propane, agricultural products and supplies, equipment and supplies necessary to restore utilities (including electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable), removal of waste, and any other equipment, supplies, services, and persons transported to support the COVID-19 response and recovery, regardless of their point of origin or destination.

2. The Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is delegated the authority to issue temporary waivers of registration and licensing requirements for motor carriers and drivers and temporary waivers of normal weight and width restrictions on roads controlled by the District, for the purpose of ensuring that equipment, supplies, services, and persons described in paragraph 1 of this Order reach impacted areas in timely manner.

3. Motor carriers and drivers must still abide by posted restrictions on all structures, such as tunnel height limits and bridge weight limits. Motor carriers and drivers must also still comply with DDOT hauling and safety guidelines, including routing assistance through DDOT's online route planner, available at https://tops.ddot.dc.gov/DDOTPERMITSYSTEM/DDOTPERMITONLINE/Landing.aspx

4. Direct assistance terminates when a driver or commercial motor vehicle is used in interstate commerce to transport cargo or provide services that are not in support of emergency relief efforts related to COVID-19 or when the motor carrier dispatches a driver or commercial motor vehicle to another location to begin operations in commerce.

5. Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed as an exemption from the federal controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR Part 382), the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR Part 383), the financial responsibility (insurance) requirements (49 CFR Part 387), the hazardous material regulations (49 CFR Parts 100-180), applicable size and weight requirements, or any other portion of the federal regulations not specifically exempted under 49 CFR § 390.23.

6. Motor carriers and drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are not eligible for the relief authorized by this Order until they have met the applicable conditions for its rescission and the out-of-service order has been rescinded by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

7. DDOT shall collaborate with the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Metropolitan Police Department to work with motor carriers and drivers to ensure the appropriate implementation and enforcement of this Order.

8. This Order shall supersede all previous Mayor's Orders to the extent of any inconsistency.

9. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately. It shall remain in effect until the termination of the emergency declared by the President and the Acting Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or until 11:59 P.M. on April 12, 2020, whichever occurs sooner.

MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
KIMBERLY A. BASSETT
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA