

CHAPTER 7 – Motor Vehicle Equipment

701. Historic Motor Vehicles

701.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the rules and regulations in this section (except as specifically provided by the Director for safety reasons) shall govern the requirements for vehicle equipment on historic motor vehicles being operated on the streets of the District in conjunction with exhibitions, expositions, parades, tours, club activities, or similar activities or events, including transportation directly to or from such activities or events.

701.2 The provisions contained in the following subsections of this title shall be applicable to the historic motor vehicles being operated on the streets and highways of the District:

- (a) Subsections 600.1, 600.2, and 600.3 of Chapter 6.
- (b) Sections 735 and 736 and §§ 700.2, 700.3, 700.9, 731.2, and 731.5 of this chapter.

701.3 No historic motor vehicle shall be required to achieve or comply with any equipment, material, or design standard which it was not legally required to achieve when it was manufactured.

701.4 With the exception of the equipment restrictions set forth in § 732 and §§ 716.4, 716.5, 716.6, and 730.2 of this chapter, no historic motor vehicle shall be prohibited from having any vehicle equipment, accessory, type of material, or design feature with which it was or could have been legally equipped when it was manufactured.

701.5 No historic motor vehicle shall be required to achieve or comply with any performance standard with which it was not legally required to achieve or comply when it was manufactured. Performance standards shall include, but not limited to, standards or requirements for exhaust or noise emissions and for fuel usage.

701.6 The installation or use of additional or improved safety equipment on an historic motor vehicle which was not available when the motor vehicle was manufactured shall not disqualify the motor vehicle for classification as an historic motor vehicle; Provided that any such additional or improved safety equipment shall be maintained in proper operating condition when the motor vehicle is operated on the public streets and highways.

750. Exhaust Emission Systems

750.1 When any motor vehicle was originally equipped with an emission control system, that

system shall be maintained in good working order, and no person shall disconnect any part of that system, except temporarily in order to make repairs, replacements, or adjustments, and no person shall modify or alter that system in its operation.

750.2 No person shall operate, and no owner shall cause or permit to be operated, any motor vehicle originally equipped with a pollution control system while any part of that system is disconnected or while that system or its operation is modified or altered.

750.3 The engine, power, and exhaust mechanism of each motor vehicle shall be equipped, adjusted, and operated to prevent the escape from the vehicle of a trail of visible fumes or smoke for more than ten (10) consecutive seconds.

750.4 Each gasoline-propelled motor vehicle of the 1968 model year or any model year thereafter, when operated on a street or highway, shall be equipped with a positive crankcase ventilation valve which shall be in good operating condition.

750.5 No person shall operate a gasoline-propelled motor vehicle of the 1968 model year or any model year thereafter without the vehicle being equipped with a positive crankcase ventilation valve which shall be in good operating condition.

751. Compliance with Exhaust Emission Standards

751.1 No motor vehicle shall be allowed to operate on the streets or highways of the District that does not comply with the exhaust emission standards prescribed pursuant to §752, except as provided in this section.

751.2 After December 31, 1982, no owner of a motor vehicle shall operate or allow the operation of a vehicle on the streets and highways of the District that does not comply with the exhaust emission standards prescribed pursuant to §752, except as provided in this section.

751.3 Prior to December 31, 1982, the Director may not refuse to register any motor vehicle in the District solely because of the exhaust emission levels of the vehicle.

751.4 The Director may issue a conditional approval, lasting until the next scheduled inspection, for any motor vehicle which is unable to meet exhaust emission standards prescribed in §752 when the Director has determined that all reasonable repairs, having a minimum value of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450), have been made and that further repairs are not mechanically nor economically feasible given the age, value, and condition of the vehicle.

751.5 The cost of any repairs covered by vehicle warranties shall not be included in the four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) minimum adjusted repair value. The four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) minimum repair value shall be adjusted annually in January of each year by the percentage, if any, that the Federal Consumer Price Index differs from the Federal Consumer price Index for 1989. After December 31, 1995, repairs shall be performed by an Automotive

Emissions Repair Technician who has been certified or recertified pursuant to §618.

751.6 An owner shall apply for a conditional approval with the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, 301 C Street, Room 1018, Washington, D.C. 20001. Before a vehicle owner may apply for a conditional approval, all exhaust emission components must be in original configuration and in compliance with 18 DCMR §750.

751.7 The application shall contain the information requested by the Director including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) One (1) written estimate of the cost of repair from a licensed motor vehicle repair facility;
- (b) Valid receipts and work orders to demonstrate that all reasonable repair work, within the meaning of §§751.4 and 751.5, has been completed; and
- (c) For estimates submitted and repairs performed after December 31, 1995, proof that the estimate was prepared and repair work was performed by a Automotive Emissions Repair Technician who has been issued a certification or recertification pursuant to §618.4 or 618.5, or who is authorized by a state to perform IM-240 related repairs.

751.8 In determining whether to grant a conditional approval pursuant to §§751.4 and 751.5, the Director shall consider the following factors in addition to the factors listed in §§751.4 and 751.5:

- (a) The primary use of the motor vehicle;
- (b) The average annual mileage the motor vehicle is operated;
- (c) The engineering design of the motor vehicle;
- (d) The cost to repair the motor vehicle in relation to the fair market value of the vehicle; and
- (e) Whether Federal law or regulation pertaining to imported motor vehicles provides for that motor vehicle to be exempt from the standards set forth in §752.