

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DOCKET NO. 06-22-05

The Acting Director of the Department of Transportation, pursuant to the authority in sections 3, 5(3), and 6 of the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 21, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-137; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-921.02, 50-921.04(3) and 50-921.05), and sections 6(a)(1), 6(a)(6) and 6(b) of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1121; D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.03(a)(1), (a)(6) and (b)), hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following emergency rulemaking which amends Chapter 40 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulations (18 DCMR). The emergency rulemaking was adopted on April 4, 2006 and will become effective April 16, 2006.

The Acting Director also gives notice of intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt this amendment in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the DC Register.

Emergency rulemaking action, pursuant to section 6(c) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1206; D.C. Official Code § 2-505(c)), is justified by the following circumstances:

In order to allow motorists to lawfully drive and park in the District on April 17, 2006, Emancipation Day, and be accorded the relaxed enforcement standards normally associated with a holiday, the Department proposes to adopt a revision to Title 18 DCMR, Chapter 40, Section 4000.

These emergency rules became effective April 14, 2006, and shall remain in effect for 120 days from the date of adoption or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the DC Register.

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

Title 18 DCMR, Chapter 40, Section 4000, GENERAL PROVISIONS is amended as follows:

By amending § 4000.11 to read as follows:

4000.11 As used in this section, the term "District Holidays" shall mean those days which are not General or Federal Holidays and which have been declared by the Mayor of the District of Columbia to be holidays for District of Columbia Government employees. On District Holidays, regulations on lane restrictions, parking restrictions, parking meter payments, parking meter time limits, and time limits on Residential Permit Parking areas shall not be in effect or applicable.

All persons interested in commenting on the subject matter in this emergency rulemaking action may file comments in writing, not later than thirty days after the publication of this notice in the D.C. Register, with:

The Department of Transportation
Traffic Services Administration
2000 14th Street, N.W., 7th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20009
Attention: Docket No. 06-22-05

Copies of this proposal are available, at cost, by writing to the above address.