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To all Southampton taxi camera fitting agents

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Dear Sir,

Taxi Cameras - Standards

It has become apparent that some confusion has arisen within the Southampton taxi and private hire trade as to the required standard for taxi cameras fitted to licensed vehicles.

We have always made it clear that the minimum standard for compliance with the licence conditions is the basic camera setup recommended by the manufacturer:

- for the Verifeye system, this includes one camera head, containing two cameras. and
- for the Pageantry system this includes one camera head which contains one wide angle camera.

This is the portion of the taxi camera provision to which Southampton City Council makes contribution.

Clearly this is a *minimum* standard; where driver and passenger safety might otherwise be compromised, we will advise as to the benefits of fitting additional cameras. The decision as to installing such additional equipment rests with the proprietor.

The minimum standard is compulsory, as required by the conditions; any additions to this are optional and at the vehicle proprietor's expense.

This information is being sent to all camera fitters and will be placed on the taxi notice board in order to dispel any confusion on this point.

Yours faithfully,

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for Head of Legal and Democratic Services



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