

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

**CLASS P CHARTER-PARTY PERMIT****PARTICIPATION AUTHORIZED IN:**

- **DRIVERED AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE PASSENGER SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM**
- **DRIVERLESS AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE PASSENGER SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM**

EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 21, 2027 - SEE PARAGRAPH (14)

PERMIT NO. TCP0038380-P

ZOOX, INC.
1149 CHESS DRIVE
FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

TERMINAL: 1149 CHESS DRIVE, FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

The above-named Carrier, submitted an application on September 22, 2024 to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California ("Commission") to renew its authority to operate as a CHARTER-PARTY CARRIER OF PASSENGERS, pursuant to Sections 5351 through 5420 of the Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) and Decisions (D.)18-0 5-043 and D.20-11-046 (as modified by D.21-05-017). Carrier is hereby granted authority to operate as a CHARTER-PARTY CARRIER OF PASSENGERS. This permit authorizes the transportation of passengers by autonomous motor vehicle (AV) over the public highways of the State of California as a CHARTER-PARTY CARRIER OF PASSENGERS. By this permit, Carrier shall be informed and abide by the rules and requirements specified in D.18-05-043, D.20-11-046 (as modified by D.21-05-017), D.24-11-002, and any successor decisions. The Carrier shall maintain operating authority under the following conditions:

- (1) This permit is issued pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 5384(b) and is limited to the use of vehicles seating fewer than 16 people, including the driver.
- (2) No vehicle or vehicles shall be operated by said Carrier unless adequately covered by a public liability and property damage insurance policy or surety bond as required by Pub. Util. Code § 5392.
- (3) Said Carrier shall comply with all Commission orders, decisions, rules, directions, and requirements governing the operations of said Carrier including General Order (G.O.) Series 115 and 157 and shall remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by Pub. Util. Code § 403.
- (4) Said Carrier shall comply with G.O. 157-E, Part 1.06 that requires every charter-party carrier to comply with the California Vehicle Code. The Vehicle Code authorizes local regulation such that violation of a local ordinance may also amount to a violation of the Vehicle Code (e.g., §§ 21100-21118). D.20-11-046 (as modified by D.21-05-017) Ordering Paragraph 7(p) requires that AV Program participants "[c]omply with all other applicable State and Federal regulations." Vehicle Code § 22502 authorizes local agencies to prohibit by ordinance commercial loading and unloading of passengers more than 18 inches from the curb.
- (5) All vehicles operating under this permit shall comply with the requirements of the Motor Carrier Safety Section of the California Highway Patrol. No vehicle shall be operated unless it is named in the Carrier's most recent equipment list on file with this Commission. Written amendments to the equipment list shall be filed within ten days of the date the vehicle is put into or pulled out of service.
- (6) No vehicle operating under this permit shall engage in the transportation of passengers in the Commission's Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Service Pilot Program by said Carrier without possession of a valid Autonomous Vehicle Manufacturer's Testing Permit currently in full force and effect from the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to conduct autonomous vehicle testing on the public highways of the State of California.
- (7) All vehicles involved in the Commission's Drivered Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Service Pilot Program shall only be operated or driven in the transportation of passengers by said Carrier by a person who has been issued and possesses an Autonomous Vehicle Testing Program Test Vehicle Operator Permit currently in full force and effect from the California DMV.
- (8) This permit is subject to amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation as authorized by the Public Utilities Code, Commission Resolutions (Res.) PE-498, PE-501, and TL-18336, and the following decisions: D.18-05-043 and D.20-11-046 (as modified by D.21-05-017), and successor decisions.
- (9) This permit may not be sold, assigned, leased, or otherwise transferred or encumbered without Commission authorization.
- (10) This permit does not authorize the Carrier to conduct operations on the property of or into any airport unless such operation is authorized by the airport authority involved.
- (11) This permit does not authorize round-trip sightseeing tour service.
- (12) This permit does not authorize the acceptance of any monetary compensation for transportation provided in test autonomous vehicles.
- (13) The use of top lights and/or taxi meters in all vehicles operated under this permit is prohibited (D.82-05-069).
- (14) This permit expires December 21, 2027. It may be renewed every three (3) years upon submission and approval of a renewal application. This renewal application should be submitted 90 days prior to the expiration date.

- (15) Pursuant to Part 8.02 of G.O. 157-E and Res. TL-19136, this permit grants said Carrier's request for an exemption to the requirement of Part 5.03 of G.O. 157-E that every driver of a vehicle be an employee of said Carrier. The exemption granted shall be in effect for the duration of the pilot program.
- (16) Pursuant to Part 8.02 of G.O. 157-E, this permit grants said Carrier's request for an exemption to the requirements of Parts 4.02, 4.05, and 4.06 of G.O. 157-E. This exemption is granted because although the Carrier's purpose-built vehicle is not equipped with certain equipment required for inspection by G.O. 157-E, Carrier will continue to conduct inspections that are functionally equivalent to the requirements of G.O. 157-E. The exemption granted applies to said Carrier's participation in the Driverless Pilot program and shall be in effect for twelve (12) months from the date of exemption grant (December 21, 2024) or for the duration of the pilot program, whichever is shorter.
- (17) Pursuant to Part 8.02 of G.O. 157-E, this permit grants Carrier's request for an exemption from the requirement of Part 4.01 of G.O. 157-E and California Vehicle Code Section 260 that every charter-party carrier maintain an equipment list of all vehicles in use that includes commercial registrations for each vehicle. The exemption was granted on February 21, 2024 because the said Carrier's vehicles operate under plates provided by Carrier's Manufacturer's License through the California DMV Occupational Licensing Division, which allows Carrier to operate vehicles on public roads without a commercial registration. Said Carrier shall operate all autonomous vehicles in the Pilot Program in accordance with the California Vehicle Code and Commission requirements applicable to commercial vehicles; Carriers shall maintain the vehicles operating under this permit to be functionally equivalent to operations otherwise required by G.O. 157-E. The exemption granted exclusively applies to said Carrier's participation in the Driverless Pilot program and shall be in effect for twelve (12) months from the date of exemption grant (February 21, 2024) or for the duration of the pilot program, whichever is shorter.

Permit issued on 28th day of November, 2021
Permit amended on 21st day of February, 2024
Permit renewed on 21st day of December, 2024

BY



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