

2011 TLC Fine Review

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Basis of Review

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- Review most frequent violations
- Decrease fines where current fine exceeds significance of violation
 - ▣ Administrative/record-keeping
- Increase fines where current fine is insufficient deterrent
 - ▣ Safety issues
 - ▣ Consumer protection
- Increase certain minimum fines to more appropriately reflect enforcement/administrative costs
- Modify fines to maintain consistency across licenses

Effect on Enforcement and Adjudications Process

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- Elimination of range fines assures consistency in fine assessment
- Reduced fines for pre-hearing guilty plea (in person or by mail) will reduce mandatory appearances at hearings
 - ▣ Better utilizes TLC enforcement personnel and resources
 - ▣ Currently done by the Department of Consumer Affairs as well as certain Environmental Control Board violations

Examples: Reduced Fines

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- Unauthorized entry on rate card
 - ▣ Current fine: \$100
 - ▣ Proposed fine – plea: \$50; hearing: \$100
- Operated FHV without permit or copy of permit in vehicle
 - ▣ Current fine: \$250
 - ▣ Proposed fine – plea: \$100; hearing: \$150
- Commuter van pick-up at bus stop
 - ▣ Current fine: \$75
 - ▣ Proposed fine – plea: \$50; hearing: \$100

Examples: Increased Fines

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- Failure to comply with TLC communications, directives, etc.
 - ▣ Previous fine: \$200
 - ▣ Now – plea: \$200; hearing: \$300
- No EZ Pass
 - ▣ Previous fine: \$100
 - ▣ Now – plea: \$150; hearing: \$200
- Para-transit base – failure to submit electronic trip records
 - ▣ Previous fine: \$250
 - ▣ Now – plea: \$500; hearing: \$1000
- FHV not equipped with camera
 - ▣ Previous fine: \$350
 - ▣ Now – plea: \$350; hearing: \$450

Examples: Revised Minimums

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- Unauthorized markings/advertisements
 - ▣ Current fine: \$25
 - ▣ Proposed fine – plea: \$50; hearing: \$75
- Taxi's exterior and/or interior not clean
 - ▣ Current fine: \$25
 - ▣ Proposed fine – plea: \$50; hearing: \$75
- Operating commuter van without passenger manifest
 - ▣ Current fine: \$25
 - ▣ Proposed fine – plea: \$50; hearing: \$100