

**Regulatory Agenda
Of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

Pursuant to Section 1042 of the Charter of the City of New York, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) hereby publishes a Regulatory Agenda for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. This Regulatory Agenda describes briefly the subject areas in which it is anticipated that rules may be promulgated during the fiscal year.

The legal basis for each proposed rule is the authority conferred to the TLC pursuant to chapter 65 of the City Charter and Title 19, Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, which confer upon the Commission the authority to promulgate rules relating to public safety, comfort and convenience, standards and conditions of service, the issuance, suspension and revocation of licenses, and the development of a transportation policy relating to for-hire vehicles and taxicabs.

The individuals and entities likely to be subject to the proposed rules are the owners and drivers of licensed medallion taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, commuter vans and paratransit services vehicles; the owners of bases dispatching for-hire vehicles, paratransit services vehicles and commuter vans; taxicab brokers; taxicab agents; taximeter businesses; and representatives authorized to appear before the Commission’s Adjudications Tribunal.

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1. **Comprehensive Rule Revision**

As the second phase of a three-phase project to assess, restructure and revise the Commission's rules, the Commission expects to complete a largely non-substantive revision and re-promulgation of its entire body of rules during FY 2010. During FY 2009, these amendments are expected to be largely non-substantive. Rather, rules will be revised to be in plain English, outdated and duplicative rules will be eliminated, and the overall structure of the Commission's rules will change.

The Commission expects to present revised rules chapters at each Commission meeting until this phase of the project is completed, which the Commission expects will be during the Fall of 2009.

2. **Adjudications Procedures**

The Commission expects to propose several rules relating to adjudications before the Commission's tribunal. Among these will be rules to establish fixed fines for all violations, eliminating fines that can vary within specified ranges. That proposal would enable individuals who wish to plead guilty to violations to do so by mail, thereby eliminating the requirement of a personal appearance before an administrative law judge. Other proposed rules would revise the procedures for appeals from decisions rendered by the Commission's administrative law judges, adjournments, and motions to vacate defaults. These proposals are scheduled for consideration in the Winter of 2009-10.

3. **Licensing Requirements**

The Commission expects to propose rules revising licensing requirements to standardize requirements for new and renewal applicants. The proposed amendments will create a one-year ban after license revocation for all license types; eliminate or codify license renewal grace periods; and revise licensee education/training requirements. This will allow the Commission to process applications more quickly and provide better customer service to the public and licensees.

The Commission also expects to propose a rule requiring that new and renewal license applicants pay any outstanding fines before their application can be accepted for review. This will increase the Commission's ability to collect outstanding debts and further deter licensees from violating Commission rules and regulations.

The Commission expects to consider these proposals in the Spring of 2010.

4. **Vehicle Tow and Removal Fees**

The Commission expects to amend applicable penalties for unlicensed activity, including the fees charged for vehicle tow and removal. Currently the penalties for vehicle tow and removal vary between industries; the proposed rules will standardize and update them. This proposal is scheduled for consideration in the Spring of 2010.

5. **Rooftop Advertising Fixtures**

The Commission expects to propose rules stating technical standards for taxicab rooftop advertising fixtures. The Commission expects to consider this proposal in the Spring of 2010.

6. **Medallion Revocations**

The Commission expects to propose rules revising the procedures for the re-sale of revoked medallions. The Commission expects to consider this proposal in the Spring of 2010.