

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

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, 2022. This Regulatory Agenda describes briefly the subject areas in which it is anticipated that rules may be promulgated during the fiscal year.

1. FHV Growth Management Rules

- a. Anticipated Contents: Rules modifying growth control mechanisms arising from the study required by Local Law 147 of 2018.
- b. Reason: Local Law 147 of 2018 required the TLC and the Department of Transportation to study traffic congestion in the City. As authorized by the Law, the TLC considered mechanisms to limit growth in the for-hire vehicle sector and passed rules were in 2019. It is anticipated that updates, including new conditions on FHV license renewals, may become necessary as the TLC analyzes the impact of those rules and the impacts of COVID on congestion.
- c. Objectives: Update rules to reflect experience with the program.
- d. Legal Basis: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: Owners and drivers of for-hire vehicles, for-hire vehicle bases, and high-volume for-hire services.
- g. Approximate schedule: Second half of FY 2022.
- h. Agency Contact for Rulemaking: Ryan Wanttaja, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1055.

2. E-Hail and Taxi Technology Rules

- a. Anticipated contents: Revisions to TLC Rules governing taxi e-hail apps and taxi technology systems.
- b. Reason: To follow the Medallion Task Force’s recommendations to remove regulatory barriers to adoption of apps and new technology in the taxi market.

To allow for and encourage wider adoption of taxicab apps among passengers and drivers.

- c. Objectives: Reduce barriers to broader adoption of new technology in the taxi market, increase adoption of new technology by taxicab drivers, and create a better user experience for taxicab passengers.
- d. Legal Basis: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None.
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: Drivers licensed by the TLC, medallion owners, medallion agents, e-hail app providers, taxi technology system providers.
- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2022.
- h. Agency Contact for Rulemaking: Ryan Wanttaja, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1055.

3. Drug Testing Rules

- a. Anticipated Contents: Rules modifying requirements surrounding drug testing TLC licensed drivers.
- b. Reason: The Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act, signed by the Governor on March 31, 2021, removed marijuana from the list of controlled substances in Section 3306 of New York's Public Health Law. TLC's Rules define "drugs" as anything listed in Section 3306 of New York's Public Health Law. TLC anticipates needing to amend various rules and definitions to allow for for-cause testing for marijuana and ensure that its rules otherwise comply with the Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act.
- c. Objectives: Update rules to reflect changes in State law.
- d. Legal Basis: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: TLC licensed drivers
- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2021.

- h. Agency Contact for Rulemaking: Ryan Wanttaja, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1055.

4. Taxi Medallion Owner Relief Program Rules

- a. Anticipated Contents: Rules establishing eligibility requirements for medallion owners to participate in the Taxi Medallion Owner Relief Program.
- b. Reason: In March of 2021, Mayor de Blasio announced the creation of a \$65 million Taxi Medallion Owner Relief Program to help medallion owners with significant debt restructure their loans to reduce principals and lower interest rates. To implement the program, TLC needs to promulgate rules governing fund participation eligibility.
- c. Objectives: Implement the Taxi Medallion Owner Relief Program.
- d. Legal Basis: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: Taxicab medallion owners.
- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2021.
- h. Agency Contact for Rulemaking: Ryan Wanttaja, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1055.

5. Battery Electric Vehicle Rules

- a. Anticipated Contents: Rules establishing.
- b. Reason: TLC Rules currently only contemplate vehicles with traditional gas or hybrid gas/electric engines to be used as taxicabs. TLC anticipates amending the taxicab vehicle specifications contained in its rules to allow for battery electric vehicles to be used as taxi cabs.
- c. Objectives: Allow for battery electric vehicles to be used as taxicabs and increase the number of battery electric vehicles used as taxicabs.
- d. Legal Basis: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: Taxicab vehicle owners.

- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2021.
- h. Agency Contact for Rulemaking: Ryan Wanttaja, Acting General Counsel.
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