UPDATE: TLC DRIVER’S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS TO OPERATE STREET HAIL LIVERIES (BORO TAXIS)

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is extending the grace period for Street Hail Livery (SHL) drivers to fulfill the below requirements to operate SHL vehicles and Accessible SHL Vehicles through January 4, 2016. The original extension for the grace period was due to end on July 1, 2015.

The TLC would like to remind all its licensees that in order to operate an SHL vehicle, drivers must have one of the following pursuant to TLC Rule §54-04.1:

- A valid Taxicab Driver’s License, OR
- A For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) Driver’s License issued on or before July 1, 2013, OR
- A Paratransit Driver’s License (for Accessible SHLs only).

To operate an Accessible SHL vehicle, drivers must have one of the following pursuant to TLC Rule §54-04(n):

- An FHV Driver’s License issued on or before July 1, 2013 and completion of the wheelchair assistance training course, OR
- A valid Taxicab Driver’s License and completion of the wheelchair assistance training course, OR
- A Paratransit Driver’s License.

During the grace period, drivers with FHV Driver’s Licenses issued after July 1, 2013 can continue to drive SHL vehicles and no summons will be issued. Likewise, drivers of Accessible SHL vehicles can continue to operate during the grace period without completing an approved training course on wheelchair passenger assistance. However, starting on January 5, 2016, the LPEP system will lock out all ineligible drivers and they will be unable to operate an SHL without the appropriate licensure and/or training.