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Attention: Medallion Taxicab Owners

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEW STATE TAX SURCHARGE

New York State passed a new law that adds a 50-cent “State surcharge” to all taxi trips. This new law goes into effect on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

As of November 1, 2009, taxicab owners (as defined in NYS Tax Law) will be responsible for collecting and paying this tax and so several important things must happen before that date.

1) Your taximeters must be programmed to reflect the tax surcharge.

2) Every taxicab must have a NEW fare sticker posted on the rear passenger doors. An overlay sticker is NOT acceptable for this purpose. New stickers are available from several authorized printers; a list is posted on the TLC’s Web site at:



http://nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/safety_emissions/taxicab_logo_print_listing.shtml

IMPORTANT NOTE: This sticker is an important part of the taxicab’s overall design – take the time to do it right! In order to ensure that taxicab owners have ample time to ensure that the stickers are properly installed, the TLC is allowing 45 days (ending December 15, 2009) for the sticker’s full implementation.

3) Every taxicab’s rate card must have a small sticker “overlay” reflecting the new surcharge. These will be distributed at the time of each taxicab’s next post-November 1, 2009 inspection at the TLC’s Safety & Emissions facility.

4) No mile run is necessary for the meter reprogramming (*certification is still required*).

5) ***Drivers must offer meter receipts to passengers for ALL rides!***