

NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Taxi and Limousine Commission is proposing a rule which would establish the license application and renewal fee for all Street Hail Livery permits.

When and where is the Hearing? The Commission will hold a public hearing, at which the public and interested parties are invited to submit comments and testimony on the proposed rules, at 10:00 a.m. on May 28, 2015. This hearing will be held in the Commission's public hearing room at 33 Beaver St., New York, NY on the 19th Floor.

How do I comment on the proposed rules? Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Mail.** You can mail written comments to the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Office of Legal Affairs, 33 Beaver Street – 22nd Floor, New York, New York 10004.
- **Fax.** You can fax written comments to the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Office of Legal Affairs, at 212-676-1102.
- **Email.** You can email written comments to tlcrules@tlc.nyc.gov.
- **Website.** You can submit comments to the Taxi and Limousine Commission through the NYC rules Web site at www.nyc.gov/nycrules.
- **By Speaking at the Hearings.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearings must sign up to speak. You can sign up before either hearing by calling 212-676-1135. You can also sign up in the hearing room before the session begins on May 28, 2015. You can speak for up to three minutes.

Is there a deadline to submit written comments? Yes, you must submit written comments by April 22, 2015.

Do you need assistance to participate in the Hearings? You must tell the Office of Legal Affairs if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the Hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail at the address given above. You may also tell us by telephone at 212-676-1135. You must tell us by May 21, 2015.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? A few days after the hearing, a transcript of the hearing and copies of the written comments will be available to the public at the Office of Legal Affairs.

What authorizes the Commission to make this rule? Sections 1043 and 2303 of the City Charter and section 19-503 of the City Administrative Code authorize the Commission to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was not included in the Commission's regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because the need for it was not contemplated when the Commission published the agenda.

Where can I find the Commission's rules? The Commission's rules are in title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What rules govern the rulemaking process? The Commission must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE OF RULE

The TLC is proposing a rule that would set the renewal fee for licenses for Street Hail Livery vehicles (also known as Boro Taxis or green cabs). The TLC rules currently do not provide a renewal fee for these licenses because it was not necessary to specify the fee to begin issuance of the Street Hail Livery licenses in 2013. However, the TLC is authorized to collect a renewal fee by the statute authorizing the issuance of Street Hail Livery Permits, chapter 602 of the Laws of 2011, as amended by chapter 9 of the Laws of 2012 (collectively, the "Hail Law"). The TLC has determined that a renewal fee for Street Hail Livery licenses of \$1200 per license for a three year renewal term (or \$400 annually) is an appropriate fee.

The Commission's authority for this rule is found in section 2303 of the New York City Charter and section 19-503 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, as well as in the Hail Law.

New material is underlined.

[Material inside brackets indicates deleted material.]

Section 1. Section 82-08 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (b), to read as follows:

(b) *Renewal Fee.* The renewal fee for a Street Hail Livery License will be \$1200 tri-annually.