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

# Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

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, 2023. This Regulatory Agenda describes briefly the subject areas in which it is anticipated that rules may be promulgated during the fiscal year.

## 1. Taxicab Rate of Fare

- a. Anticipated Contents: Revision to taxicab rate of fare.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: Taximeter rate of fare was last adjusted in 2011. TLC intends to review driver income and expenses, as well as other pertinent information, to adjust the rate of fare and airport fares.
- c. Objectives: A rate of fare that is fair to drivers, owners, and passengers.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None
- f. <u>Persons and entities likely to be affected:</u> Owners and drivers of taxicabs, forhire vehicles and high volume services, and passengers of taxicabs.
- g. Approximate schedule: Second quarter of FY 2023.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

#### 2. For-hire Vehicle Driver Income Rules

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Revisions to the driver rate of pay, and potentially to the utilization rate.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: TLC periodically reviews the driver rate of pay to ensure that it reflects changes to the consumer price index.
- c. Objectives: Ensure driver incomes remains stable and fair.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.

- e. Other Relevant Laws: None
- f. <u>Persons and entities likely to be affected:</u> Owners, drivers and passengers of for-hire vehicles and bases.
- g. Approximate schedule: Second quarter of FY 2023.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

## 3. Regulatory Review Rules

- a. <u>Anticipated contents</u>: Revisions to TLC Rules as the first step in broad regulatory review effort, including replacing obsolete terms, repealing outdated sections, clarifying certain rules, updating rules to reflect modern industry and agency practices, and reducing the administrative and enforcement burdens on TLC licensees.
- b. Reason: Some TLC rules are outdated or ineffective, placing a burden on drivers and the regulated industry without adequate public benefit. As recommended by the Black Car and Livery Task Force and mentioned in the agency's Taxi Strategic Plan, TLC is seeking to streamline its rules to ensure that they are effective and adapted to the current needs of drivers, industry members, and passengers and are not overly restrictive or overly punitive towards licensed drivers and businesses.
- c. <u>Objectives</u>: Reduce burdens on TLC licensees where such burdens do not have or no longer have strong public benefits.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None.
- f. <u>Persons and entities likely to be affected</u>: Drivers and businesses licensed by TLC.
- g. Approximate schedule: First quarter of FY 2023.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

## 4. Consolidation of Critical Driver and Persistent Violator Rules

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Pursuant to Local Law 12 of 2020, the TLC's Critical driver Program is consolidated into the Persistent Violator Program. Accordingly, TLC will propose rules that reflect that consolidation by deleting references to the Critical Driver Program and expanding the Persistent Violator Program to incorporate elements that were previously part of the Critical Driver Program.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: Consolidate two programs that penalize drivers who accumulate a certain number of DMV points on their license into one program.
- c. Objectives: Align TLC rules with local law.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Local Law 12 of 2020, 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 2023.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

# 5. Battery Electric Vehicle Rules

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Rules changing vehicle specifications to allow for battery electric vehicles to be used at taxicabs.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: 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. A pilot is currently studying the use of battery electric vehicles as taxicabs.
- c. <u>Objectives</u>: Allow for battery electric vehicles to be used as taxicabs and increase the number of battery electric vehicles used as taxicabs.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: 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 and drivers.
- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2023.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, Acting General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.