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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) hereby announces the following industry information specific to the increase in the metered rate of fare for all medallion taxicabs.

I. NEW TAXICAB RATE OF FARE

As of 12:01 a.m. on May 3, 2004, medallion taxicabs are authorized to charge the following rate of fare for all metered trips in New York City:

- ◆ \$2.50 initial charge (first 1/5 mile);
- ◆ 40¢ per each additional 1/5 mile;
- ◆ 40¢ per 120 seconds of stopped or slow traffic;
- ◆ \$1.00 peak time surcharge from 4pm to 8pm on weekdays, excluding holidays;
- ◆ 50¢ night surcharge from 8pm to 6am daily.

As of 12:01 a.m. on May 3, 2004, the flat fare for all trips from JFK International Airport to any destination in Manhattan is as follows:

- ◆ \$45.00, plus any tolls and/or tip;
- ◆ the 50¢ night surcharge shall not be added to this flat rate;
- ◆ the \$1.00 peak time surcharge shall not be added to this flat rate;
- ◆ the taximeter and receipt shall reflect that this trip is a flat fare.

As of 12:01 a.m. on May 3, 2004, the fare for a trip to Newark Airport shall be:

- ◆ the amount shown on the taximeter plus a surcharge of \$15.00; and
- ◆ all necessary tolls to and from the destination.

II. VEHICLE OWNERS MUST RE-CALIBRATE TAXIMETERS AND UPDATE DOOR DECALS PRIOR TO CHARGING NEW RATE

Please note that the new rate of fare as described above may not be charged unless your taximeter(s) has/have been re-calibrated by a TLC-licensed taximeter shop and authorized rate-of-fare decals have been affixed to your taxicab(s) doors.

All taximeters must be re-calibrated by a TLC-licensed taximeter establishment. To assist the industry, the following is a list of all TLC-licensed public taximeter shops:

TAXIMETER SHOP	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
AMERICAN TAXIMETERS & COMMUNICATION	21-46 44 DRIVE LIC, NY 11101	(718) 937-4600
OLDEE INSTRUMENTS & AUTO SERVICE, INC.	43-05 VERNON BLVD. LIC, NY 11101	(718) 482-6533
S & P TAXIMETER	771 FOURTH AVE. BROOKLYN, NY 11232	(718) 965-4484
C & B TAXIMETER	521 W. 48 STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	(212) 664-9679
DOWNTOWN TAXIMETER SHOP, INC.	62 E. FIRST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10003	(212) 982-7584
SAMIR TAXIMETERS CORP.	631 BRUCKNER BLVD BRONX, NY 10455	(718) 401-0605
ALON TAXIMETER	11-06 BROADWAY ASTORIA, NY 11106	(718) 956-4446
METRO SHOP	36-15 13 STREET LIC, NY 11106	(718) 786-8585
METRO SHOP	523-525 GREENWICH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10013	(212) 229-2066
RONART LEASING CORP.	25-11B 41 AVENUE LIC, NY 11101	(718) 392-3013
MILLENNIUM TAXIMETER CORP.	48-02 VAN DAM STREET LIC, NY 11101	(718) 729-3442
521 WEST 21 STREET MGMT. CORP.	521 W. 21 STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011	(212) 675-1717
ABC TAXIMETER	10-02 46 AVENUE LIC, NY 11101	(718) 361-9265
TEAM SYSTEMS CORP.	30-17 40 AVENUE LIC, NY11101	(718) 786-0640
RUSS AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUMENTS, INC.	545 W. 37 STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	(212) 757-3412
A1 METER & SECURITY, INC.	393 McGUINNESS BLVD. BROOKLYN, NY 11222	(718) 389-2753
TRIZZ TAXIMETER REPAIR CORP.	508 W. 21 STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011	(646) 336-7625

When re-calibrated, taximeters shall be programmed to reflect two (2) rates. Rate 1 is to be the metered rate of fare and Rate 2 is to indicate the flat fare from JFK International Airport to Manhattan; the taximeter default setting shall be Rate 1.

III. NEW DOOR FARE DECALS, PLAQUES AND STICKERS

Taxicab owners will be responsible for procuring new door decals. The size of the decals shall be the same as that of the existing stickers currently on taxicabs, that is, not less than 130 square inches. The new door decal language shall reflect the rate of fare as follows:

TAXI FARE	
\$2.50	INITIAL CHARGE
.40¢	Per 1/5 Mile
.40¢	Per 2 Minutes Stopped/Slow Traffic
\$1.00	Weekday Surcharge 4pm - 8pm
.50¢	Night Surcharge 8pm - 6am

The Braille and raised-letter plaque language shall read as follows:

9X99 CONTACT TLC DIAL 3-1-1
(Sample Medallion #)

The TLC will also make stickers available for the flat fare, passenger information and rate card overlays, which must be affixed in all taxicabs. Rate card overlays may be obtained only at TLC-licensed taximeter shops. You may obtain the flat fare and passenger information stickers by visiting any TLC-licensed taximeter shop or the TLC's Woodside facility at **24-55 BQE West, Woodside, New York 11377**. The facility's hours of distribution are **Monday - Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m.**

IV. IMPLEMENTATION DATES

Please note that a taxicab may charge the increased rate of fare as of **12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004** provided that:

- ◆ its meter is properly re-calibrated by a TLC-licensed taximeter shop (conversion charts in lieu of a re-calibrated taximeter are **not** permitted);
- ◆ its door decals have been updated appropriately as described above; and
- ◆ all receipts produced by the re-calibrated taximeter shall reflect 3-1-1 in place of (212) NYC-TAXI.

Please note that by their first scheduled inspection after **Friday, June 4, 2004**, all taxicabs must:

- ◆ have their re-calibrated taximeters mile-run tested by a TLC-licensed taximeter shop, in accordance with TLC's Taxicab Owners Rules, §1-25(a)(5);
- ◆ be fitted with Braille and raised-letter plaques reflective of the new language provided above.