



NEW YORK CITY TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

# The Livery Industry:

Rule & Policy Recommendations to the Commission

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# Introduction

- An update to the Commission on progress with changes to Livery Industry

## *This presentation will cover:*

1. A brief review of changes during the past two years and positive outcomes obtained
2. What we have learned about the Livery Industry
3. Presentation of Phase 1 Rule & Policy ideas for:
  - Livery Bases
  - Livery Vehicles
  - Livery Drivers

## The initial changes – beginning January 2005

- **Initial Problem**
  - 500 Livery bases serving (predominantly) 4 outer boroughs
  - Licensed bases failing to renew their license every 2 years

## What we have learned about the Livery Industry

- **Lack of accountability prevalent in industry**
- **Weak relationship between base, vehicle & driver**
- **Public safety concerns**

# How to fix problems in Industry

- Implement Rule & Policy changes aimed at:
  - Increasing base owner, vehicle owner & driver accountability
  - Strengthening relationship between base, vehicle & driver
  - Increasing public safety
  - Increasing communication from Industry to Passengers

# Increasing Accountability

## Proposed Rules & Policy Changes

### ➤ BASES

- Analyzing & considering previous business plan in current executive summary / renewal
- Strengthening rules regarding multiple dispatches of non-TLC Licensed Drivers (6-12K2) during licensure
- Rules regarding multiple suspensions during licensure

# Increasing Accountability

## Proposed Rules & Policy Changes

### ➤ VEHICLES

- Strengthen rules regarding using non-TLC Licensed Drivers (6-12K2) and non-DMV Licensed Drivers to drive vehicles (6-12K1)

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

- verification of driver's TLC license status daily on [www.nyc.gov/taxi](http://www.nyc.gov/taxi)
- verification of driver's DMV license status via contract with DMV

# Increasing Accountability

## VEHICLES, Continued

- Vehicle owners' revocation history considered when considering license for new vehicle license.
- Strengthen penalty for vehicle owner when vehicle is involved in a street hail

# Increasing Accountability

## Proposed Rules & Policy Changes

### ➤ DRIVERS

- Strengthen rule regarding driving without valid DMV license
- Strengthen rule regarding street hails by TLC-licensed driver

# Strengthening Relationships

## Proposed Rules & Policy Changes

- How to strengthen the relationship between base, vehicle & driver?
  - Un-affiliations
    - A rule to add fee to base for un-affiliating vehicles
    - Require vehicles to sign off on un-affiliation from a base
  - Transfers
    - Limit # of base transfers or increase fee for transfer
  - Markings
    - Pass rule to mandate markings on FHV vehicles

# Increasing Communication to the Public and Public Safety

## Proposed Rules & Policy Changes

- Increasing accountability & strengthening relationships will lead to increased public safety
- Markings & Inspections for FHV vehicles will lead to increased public safety & communication to public

## Conclusion

- Phase 1: Implement Rule & Policy changes aimed at increasing accountability, public safety/communication & strengthening relationships
- Phase 2: Analysis of Phase 1
- Commissioners' input and questions welcomed