

# Taxi Improvement Fund

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## Supporting Our Partners in Accessibility



# Taxi Improvement Fund (TIF) Program

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New York City is committed to increasing mobility for all taxi users.

50% Accessible  
Fleet

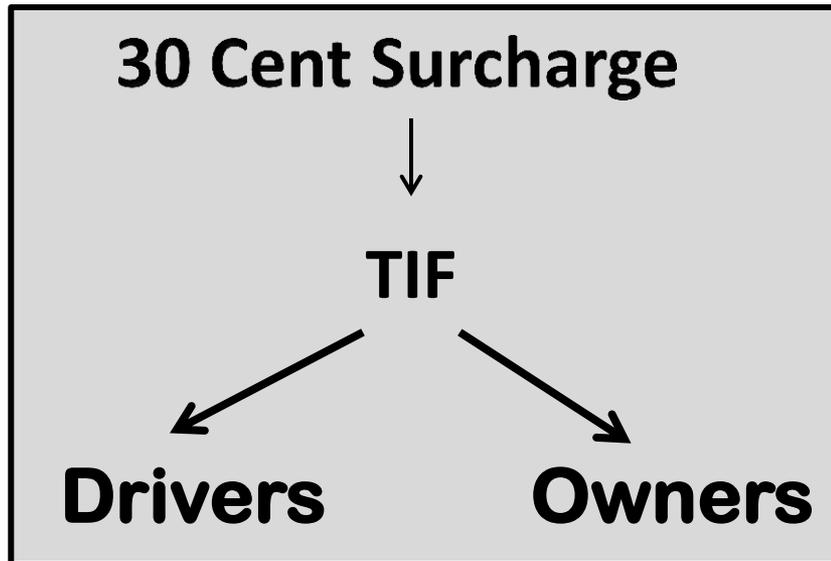
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Accessible  
Dispatch

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To help facilitate the introduction of Accessible Vehicles, the TLC implemented a \$0.30/trip improvement surcharge to support drivers and owners on this accessibility initiative.



# TIF Rules Recap

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## April 2014 Rules:

- Rules created passenger collection mechanism.
- Established Accessible Vehicle conversions
  - Mini-Fleets/Corporates
  - Independents (via drawing).

## October 2014 Rules:

- Created process for TLC collection from Medallion Owners.

# Proposed TIF Distribution

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This Rule Package provides for:

- TIF distributions to:
  - Drivers
  - Medallion Owners
- Increases to the Accessible Dispatch Driver fee
- Changes to certain Lease Rates

# TIF Distributions: Driver

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## TIF distributions to:

- **Drivers**

- ✓ Payments per trip for driving an Accessible Vehicle.
- ✓ Payments to Drivers made periodically – initially every two weeks.
- ✓ Year 1 Payment = \$0.50/ trip in Accessible Vehicle

*Example:* 16 trips per day x 5 days = 80 trips/week

80 trips x \$0.50 per trip = \$40.00 week

Net increase = \$160/month or \$2,000 /year

**PLUS – opportunity for Accessible Dispatch fees.**

# TIF Distributions: Medallion Owners

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TIF distributions to:

- *Medallion Owners* - Two Payment streams
  1. Single payment - for the differential cost of an Accessible Vehicle (over a non-Accessible).  
Amount = \$14,000
  2. Periodic payments - for operational costs.  
Amount = \$4,000/year for 4 years  
\$1,500 additional maintenance costs  
\$2,500 vehicle down time due to maintenance

# TIF Distributions: Accessible Dispatch

- **Accessible Dispatch Fees**

Increases to amounts paid to Drivers who accept Accessible Passenger trips through the Dispatch system.

Distance Travelled to Customer's Pickup Location	Existing Dispatch Fee Schedule	Proposed Dispatch Fee Schedule
Up to .5 miles	\$6	\$10
.5 – 1 miles	\$10	\$15
1 - 1.5 miles	\$15	\$20
1.5 – 2 miles	\$15	\$25
Over 2 miles	\$15	\$30
Passenger No-Show Fee	\$5	\$5

# TIF Distributions: Lease Cap Changes

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- Changes to Lease Rates for Medallion-only and All-In lease scenarios
  - To offset TIF vehicle payments made to Medallion Owners.
  - Credit of \$77/week (during the 4 year period)

# TIF Distributions: Payment Process

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How will the payment process in these proposed rules work for our medallion owners and drivers?

# TIF – Owners

## Individual and Fleet

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Financial assistance is available for owning and using a WAV vehicle.

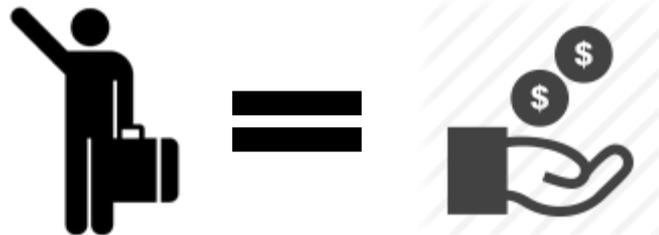
	Individual Payments	Frequency of Payment	Total Paid
Post Inspection	\$14,000	Following successful Hack Up	\$14,000
Years 1-4	\$1,333.33	Tri-Annual Inspection	\$16,000

# TIF – Drivers

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## Make more money driving an Accessible

- \$0.50 cents per trip - for each trip you provide while driving a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- Accessible Dispatch fees - when transporting customers accepted from the Accessible Dispatch system.



# TIF Distributions: How To Participate

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- Medallion Owners:
  - Complete and submit the Program documents.
  - Purchase an authorized WAV – place the vehicle in operation.
- Drivers:
  - Complete and submit the Program documents.
  - Drive an Accessible Vehicle.
  - Receive your payment debit card.

# Outreach Plan

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- Targeted mailing: Top WAV drivers
- Industry Notices
- Outreach at TLC locations (LIC and Woodside) and possibly at airports
- Post Hearing Q & A session today
- TLC Website

