

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 103

AUGUST 8, 2007

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a weather event has caused a serious disruption of the City's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to insure public safety and the orderly transportation of people and goods in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the disruption of the City's transportation system endangers the lives and health of the City's residents, commuters and visitors causing an inability to gain access to routine medical care, the loss of wages for thousands of persons, the loss of revenue for businesses in the City, and lost revenues and significantly increased expenditures by the City;

WHEREAS, these circumstances constitute an imminent peril to the public health and safety requiring the adoption of emergency measures;

WHEREAS Executive Law § 24 authorizes the Mayor to promulgate local emergency orders upon a finding that the public safety is imperiled by the event of a public emergency or in the event of reasonable apprehension of immediate danger thereof, to protect life and property and to bring an emergency situation under control; and

Now, therefore, by the power vested in the Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. State of Emergency. A state of emergency is hereby declared to exist within the City of New York.

§ 2. Taxi and for-hire vehicle provisions. The following provisions of this Emergency Order shall apply to vehicles licensed by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission:

- a. The Chair of the Taxi and Limousine Commission is authorized, for the duration of the emergency, to allow all for-hire vehicles and commuter vans licensed as such by the Taxi and Limousine Commission, to pick up passengers with or without pre-arrangement (“street hails”).
- b. The Chair of the Taxi and Limousine Commission is authorized, for the duration of the emergency, to allow all commuter vans licensed as such by the Taxi and Limousine Commission to operate outside of the geographical area set forth in their operation authorization, and to accept and discharge passengers on streets which otherwise constitute bus routes and at points which otherwise constitute bus stops.
- c. The Chair of the Taxi and Limousine Commission is authorized, for the duration of the emergency, to: (i) permit sharing of rides in all licensed vehicles without the passenger’s consent, and to set rates of fares for such ride sharing, and (ii) establish group ride locations and establish per person or per trip rates of fare for trips in vehicles licensed by the TLC originating at such locations.
- d. No TLC-licensed driver or TLC-licensed business shall charge or permit the charging of any passenger a fare in excess of the authorized rate of fare for any trip. The maximum rate of fare may be set by the Chair of the Taxi and Limousine Commission.
- e. All drivers of for-hire vehicles and commuter vans licensed as such by the Taxi and Limousine Commission are required to display their TLC operator’s license and the name of the affiliated base or authority inside the vehicle in a manner that is easily visible or accessible to the passengers.

§ 3. This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until 12:00 p.m. on August 9, 2007, unless it is terminated earlier.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor