

## NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

### **Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules**

**Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 1043(b) of the Charter of the City of New York (“Charter”) that the Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) proposes amended rules governing In-Vehicle Camera Systems in taxicabs and for-hire vehicles.**

These rules are proposed pursuant to sections 1043 and 2303(b)(11) of the Charter and section 19-503 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York. These proposed rules were included in the TLC’s regulatory agenda for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011.

A public hearing on these proposed rules will be held by the TLC at its offices at 40 Rector Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10006 on October 21, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing may notify the TLC in advance, either in writing or by telephone to the TLC’s Office of Legal Affairs at the address and telephone number given below. Any request for a sign language interpreter or other form of reasonable accommodation at the hearing for a disability must be submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs in writing, by telephone no later than October 14, 2010.

Written comments in connection with these proposed rules must be received no later than October 18, 2010. Comments may be submitted through the NYC Rules website at [www.nyc.gov/nycrules](http://www.nyc.gov/nycrules), or may be submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs at:

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Written comments and a transcript of the public hearing will be available for public inspection at that office.

New material is underlined. [Except underlined, italicized subsection headings]  
[Material inside brackets indicates deleted material.]

Section 1. It is hereby proposed that Section 8-35(a) of Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York be amended to read as follows:

**§8-35 Vehicle Equipment—In Vehicle Camera System (IVCS)**

(a) When an existing in-vehicle camera system is required to be replaced or when the system is installed, the Taxicab [will] must be equipped with an IVCS that meets the specification of § 17-12; the system must be installed and maintained by the manufacturer’s authorized installer or a Taximeter Business that meets the requirements of §17-12 of these Rules; and [will be] the IVCS must be functioning and maintained in good working order.

§8-35(a)	Fine: \$50	Appearance NOT REQUIRED
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Section 2. It is hereby proposed that Sections 9A-33(a), 9B-33(a)(1) and 9C-01(a) of Chapter 9 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York be amended, and penalties for Sections 9A-33(a) and 9B-33(a) be added, to read as follows:

**§9A-33 Vehicle Equipment—In-Vehicle Camera System (IVCS)**

(a) *Requirements for In-Vehicle Camera System.* When an existing in-vehicle camera system is required to be replaced or when the system is installed as one of the three safety devices specified in § 9A-32, [it must meet the requirements described in § 9C-01 of these Rules] the Livery Vehicle must be equipped with an IVCS that meets the specifications of §9C-01; the system must be installed and maintained by the manufacturer’s authorized installer or a Taximeter Business that meets the requirements of §9C-01 of these Rules; and the IVCS must be functioning and maintained in good working order.

§9A-33(a)	Fine: \$50	Appearance NOT REQUIRED
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**§9B-33 In-Vehicle Equipment—In-Vehicle Camera System (IVCS)**

(a) *Requirements for In-Vehicle Camera System.* If a Livery Vehicle [installs] is equipped with an IVCS as one of the requirements for exemption from installing a partition:

(1) The IVCS must meet the specifications described in [Sub-chapter 9C § 9C-02] § 9C-01 of these Rules and must be functioning and maintained in good working order.

§9B-33(a)(1) and (2)	Fine: \$50	Appearance NOT REQUIRED
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**§9C-01 In-Vehicle Camera System (“IVCS”)**

(a) Requirement. When an existing IVCS is required to be replaced or when an IVCS system is installed, it must be functioning and in good working order and meet the specifications and installation requirements below.

Section 4. It is hereby proposed that Section 17-12(a) of Chapter 17 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York be amended to read as follows:

**§17-12 Requirement for Hack-up – In-Vehicle Camera System (“IVCS”)**

(a) Requirement. When an existing IVCS is required to be replaced or when an IVCS system is installed (including, but not limited to, at Hack-up), it must be functioning and in good working order and meet the specifications and installation requirements below.

## **Statement of Basis and Purpose of Rules**

These proposed rules clarify that, where a taxicab or for-hire vehicle is required to have an in-vehicle camera system for security purposes, the system must be functioning and in good working order. The proposed rules also clarify that specifications and installation requirements for the in-vehicle systems are the same whether being installed in a Taxicab or a for-hire vehicle and that the required installers must have the same qualifications. The proposed rule makes no change in the provisions spelling out the circumstances in which such a system is required.

Also the proposed rule corrects an erroneous reference in Section 9B-33(a)(1), from section 9C-02 to section 9C-01. This rule amends the version of the Commission's rules that becomes effective January 1, 2011.