## INDUSTRY NOTICE #15-22 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **ACCESSIBILITY DRAWING UPDATE**

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) wishes to inform its licensees that the first yellow taxi accessibility drawing will be held on June 25, 2015. The drawing will be conducted at the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission offices located at 33 Beaver Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10004 at 10:00 A.M. We encourage all interested parties to attend. For those unable to attend, real-time video of the event will be available at <a href="https://livestream.com/nyctaxi">https://livestream.com/nyctaxi</a>. The TLC will post results of the drawing on its website within twenty four (24) hours. All medallion owners entered into the drawing will then receive a letter detailing the results of the drawing and next steps.

On April 30, 2014, the TLC approved rules to make it easier for mobility-impaired customers who use wheelchairs to get a taxi by increasing the percentage of wheelchair-accessible taxis to 50 percent by 2020. These rules can be found in 35 RCNY Chapter 58, Section 58-50 Accessible Vehicle Conversion.

This accessibility drawing will be limited to those unrestricted independent medallions with vehicles that are scheduled to retire between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. The medallions selected in the drawing will be required to place an accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired (first retirement cycle). The medallions not selected in the drawing are not required to place an accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired. However, each medallion's accessibility requirement will alternate during each subsequent retirement cycle. For example, those medallions not selected in this drawing will be required to hack up an accessible vehicle in the next (subsequent) retirement cycle.

**Date and Time:** June 25, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. **Location:** 33 Beaver Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10004 at 10:00 A.M.