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## **TLC TO ALLOW LOCAL INSPECTIONS FOR STATEN ISLAND LIVERY LICENSEES**

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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today announced that it will allow Staten Island livery operators to have their vehicles visually inspected at the TLC's 1893 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, facility. A visual inspection checklist is available at: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/fhv\\_inspection\\_chklst.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/fhv_inspection_chklst.pdf)

Vehicles being renewed or those being transferred to another base, as well as those applying for new vehicle licenses, must have a NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (NYS DMV) inspection as well, and may accomplish this at a local TLC-authorized, State-certified inspection facility. The TLC requires that all of its licensed vehicles be inspected frequently to ensure both passenger and driver safety. Medallion Taxicabs are inspected at the TLC's Woodside Safety & Emissions facility every four months. Livery and other for-hire vehicle types must likewise currently be inspected every four months during their two-year licensing cycle, with five of those inspections taking place at State-certified inspection facilities, and one at the TLC's own state-of-the-art facility.

"We are pleased to offer this more convenient option to our Staten Island livery licensees," said TLC Commissioner/Chairman David Yassky, "while still achieving our number one priority -- ensuring the safety of those who ride in and drive their vehicles.

"I'd like to thank our Staten Island Commissioner Elias Arout, State Senator Andrew Lanza, Assemblyman Michael Cusick, and Council Member Deborah Rose for their advocacy and leadership on this project."

"I commend the Administration and Commissioner David Yassky for announcing this program which will allow for greater convenience in the inspection process for Staten Island car service operators," said Senator Andrew Lanza. "Assemblyman Cusick and myself are committed to working with the Administration to bring further improvements, allowing for greater efficiency for car service operators and customers on Staten Island."

"Staten Island car service operators will now have an easily accessible inspection station close to home. Our businesses will now avoid costly trips across bridges to ensure their cars are safe for their customers" said Assemblyman Cusick. "It was a pleasure working with the commissioner on this process to ensure its successful execution."

"As a Staten Islander, I appreciate the fact that this new service will



improve the efficiency of our livery bases,” said TLC Commission Member Elias Arout. “But as a regulator, I particularly appreciate the fact that safety is still job #1. Seeing this through from concept to culmination has been a very satisfying process for me, and it serves our customers well.”

The TLC was created in 1971, and is the agency responsible for the regulation and licensing of almost 200,000 yellow medallion taxicabs and for-hire vehicles, their drivers, and the businesses that operate and support their industries. It is recognized as the largest and most active taxi and for-hire vehicle regulatory body in the United States.

To find out more about the TLC, or to review its rules, regulations and procedures, we encourage you to visit our official Web site at [www.nyc.gov/taxi](http://www.nyc.gov/taxi) or call 311 in New York City, or 212-NEW-YORK from outside of New York City.