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NEW TAXI FARE MAY TAKE EFFECT **AS OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today reminded taxicab riders that a new fare structure could be in effect as of 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

On July 12, 2012, the TLC approved a fare increase of approximately 17%. The operators of medallion (yellow) taxicabs have the opportunity to institute the new fare as of 12:01 a.m. on September 4, 2012, provided that they have their taximeters recalibrated, and have updated their external markings. Updated rate card overlay stickers will be added shortly after the new fare is in effect.

It is important to note, however, that taxicabs are not required to implement the new fare structure until their first scheduled inspections after September 30, 2012, and so the riding public may see a mixture of taxicabs with both old and new taxi fares for some time to come.

"We anticipate that many taxicab operators will implement the new fare structure as of September 4, so it is extremely important that taxi riders know and understand it," said TLC Commissioner/Chair David Yassky. "The taxi industry appears to be experiencing a smooth transition to the new structure, and we want passengers to experience a smooth transition as well."

The new medallion taxicab rates of fare will be as follows:

For trips in New York City

- \$2.50 initial charge (first 1/5 mile);
- \$0.50 MTA tax;
- \$0.50 per each additional 1/5 mile;
- \$0.50 per 60 seconds in stopped or slow traffic;
- \$1.00 surcharge from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, excluding holidays;
- \$0.50 night surcharge from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily.

Trips to/from JFK International Airport and Manhattan

- \$52.00, plus any tolls and/or tip;
- the \$0.50 night surcharge shall *not* be added to this flat rate;
- the \$1.00 peak surcharge shall *not* be added to this flat rate;
- the \$0.50 MTA tax SHALL be added to this flat rate.

Trips to Newark Airport

- the amount shown on the taximeter plus a surcharge of \$17.50; and
- all necessary tolls to and from the destination.