
Matthew W. Daus, Commissioner/Chair**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**
Wednesday, November 29, 2006**CONTACT: Allan J. Fromberg**
212-676-1013**TAXI FARE ADJUSTMENT, NEW FLAT FARE
TO TAKE EFFECT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006**

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today reminded the riding public that the recently-approved fare adjustment will be in effect as of 12:01 a.m. Thursday, November 30, 2006. A new flat fare of \$45 per ride from anywhere in Manhattan to JFK Airport will also take effect at that time.

“It is important that taxi riders understand the adjustment,” said TLC Commissioner/Chairman Matthew W. Daus. “While the initial and metered mileage fares will not see a change, passengers will see a small increase in the metered amount for the time spent either stopped or in traffic. In an average ride of 2.8 miles with 4.77 minutes of ‘wait time’, the adjustment would amount to approximately \$1 of the total fare. This adjustment balances the ‘wait time’ portion of the fare formula for the first time in almost two decades, and any additional revenue will go entirely to the driver.

“The new flat fare serves the purpose of giving travelers an attractive and economical alternative mode of transportation to JFK Airport. The flat fare from JFK to Manhattan has been tremendously popular with visitors over the last decade, and it was time to make it a two-way street.”

Computerized taximeters in New York City’s 13,000-plus medallion taxicab fleet have been reprogrammed to automatically reflect the new fare structure as of 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2006. All rides that commence immediately prior to that time will be charged at the now-existing fare structure, even if the ride terminates after 12:01 a.m. Passengers will also see the adjustment represented in new stickers on the side of each taxicab.

The TLC’s Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the new flat fare and adjustment at its public hearing and meeting held October 25, 2006.

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