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**TLC ANNOUNCES STATEN ISLAND  
LIVERY INSPECTIONS TO BEGIN APRIL 1**

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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today announced that, following a delay due to super-storm Sandy, operators whose vehicles are affiliated with Staten Island For-Hire Vehicle bases will be able to have their vehicles inspected entirely on Staten Island starting April 1, 2013 rather than having to travel to Queens. For-Hire Vehicle owners applying for a new license, renewing their license, or transferring a new vehicle to their existing license will have the option of having their required initial Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) inspection performed at an authorized facility that will be assigned by the TLC on an individual basis.

After successfully completing the DMV Inspection, the required TLC visual inspection can then be done at the TLC's 1893 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island facility. Medallion Taxicabs will continue to be inspected at the TLC's Woodside Safety & Emissions facility every four months. Per TLC regulations, livery and other for-hire vehicle types must continue to be inspected every four months during their two-year licensing cycle. After the initial inspection on a new or renewing license has been completed through the TLC's inspection process, the remaining five required inspections can take place at any New York State DMV-certified inspection facility.

In addition, vehicles submitting a Plate or Base Transfer application that only requires a visual inspection will now also have the option of having the required visual inspection performed at the TLC's 1893 Richmond Terrace Staten Island facility.

Staten Island Bases will continue to schedule application and inspection appointments through the TLC's web site at: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/licenses\\_main.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/licenses_main.shtml), where a new option for selecting the Staten Island inspection process has been added. Additional information on the inspection process can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions page of our web site: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/faq/faq\\_licenses.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/faq/faq_licenses.shtml) or on our Vehicle Owners page: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/fhv\\_veh\\_owners.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/fhv_veh_owners.shtml).

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“The inspection process is central to the TLC’s mission of safety and service,” said TLC Commissioner David Yassky. “After withstanding a few setbacks due to super-storm Sandy, I am pleased to be able to allow our Staten Island licensees a way to get their inspections done in their home borough. I very much appreciate the patient assistance of our Staten Island Commissioner Elias Arout, State Senator Andrew Lanza, Assemblyman Michael Cusick, and Council Member Deborah Rose in helping to make this a reality.”

"I am pleased to hear that the Taxi & Limousine Commission has reinstated the pilot program for an inspection center in the borough of Staten Island. The closure of the Center due to Hurricane Sandy has been a logistical hardship for Staten Island businesses. This inspection center is vital to the livery industry on Staten Island who had to make costly and lengthy trips into Queens for these car inspections. Senator Lanza and I have worked hard with Commissioner David Yassky to open an inspection center on Staten Island and I applaud the Commissioner for getting this done," said Assemblyman Cusick.

“I commend the Administration and Commissioner David Yassky for implementing 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 I are committed to working with the Administration to bring further improvements, allowing for greater efficiency for car service operators and customers on Staten Island.”

“This will mean a lot to the Staten Island livery industry,” said TLC Commission Member Elias Arout. “It was a real investment in time for them to get to Woodside, and letting them handle their inspections here at home will give them more time to do what they do best, serving their borough.”

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.