Regulatory Agenda Of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Pursuant to Section 1042 of the Charter of the City of New York, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission ("TLC") hereby publishes a Regulatory Agenda for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. This Regulatory Agenda describes the subject areas in which it is anticipated that rules may be promulgated during the fiscal year.

1. Vision Zero

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Increase penalties associated with unsafe driving violations and consider a new education course to enhance safety.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: Continue to work toward a vision of a safer New York City that is free of traffic fatalities.
- c. <u>Objectives</u>: A penalty escalation structure that is fair to drivers while deterring repeat offenders; use of additional education course to reduce TLC driver points and help drivers learn importance of obeying all traffic requirements.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. <u>Other Relevant Laws</u>: The following sections of the Administrative Code are relevant to Vision Zero:
 - § 19-507.1 Persistent violators of rules relating to drivers of taxicabs and for-hire vehicles;
 - § 19-540 Review of crashes;
 - § 19-541 Serious crashes; and
 - § 19-542 Reporting of crash data on commission licensed vehicles
- f. <u>Persons and entities likely to be affected</u>: Drivers of Taxicabs, For-Hire Vehicles and High-Volume For-Hire Services; bicyclists and pedestrians.
- g. Approximate schedule: First quarter of FY 2025.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.
- 2. Strengthening Data Submission Rules (High-Volume For-Hire Service Sector)

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Strengthen data reporting requirements in High-Volume For-Hire Service sector (requiring those companies to provide data more frequently).
- b. Reason: Eliminate excess time between trip occurrence and data submission.
- c. <u>Objectives</u>: Innovation in agency data analysis and faster enforcement outcomes where submitted data indicates TLC Rule violation.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None.
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: The High-Volume For-Hire Services.
- g. Approximate schedule: Second half of FY 2025.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

3. Improve Service Quality of Accessible For-Hire Vehicles

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Amend rules to strengthen performance benchmarks, promote compliance among smaller bases, and clarify reporting requirements for wheelchair-accessible vehicle trips.
- b. Reason: Continue to enhance the accessibility of the TLC-licensed fleet.
- c. <u>Objectives</u>: Improve the quality of wheelchair-accessible vehicle service; bolster the agency's ability to monitor and address passenger experience issues for wheelchair users.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None.
- f. <u>Persons and entities likely to be affected</u>: People who use wheelchairs; Drivers of Wheelchair-Accessible For-Hire Vehicles; High-Volume For-Hire Services; For-Hire Vehicle Bases.
- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2025.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking:</u> Sherryl Eluto, General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

4. Revise Driver Expense Portion of Pay Rules for High-Volume For-Hire Services

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Amend pay rules and update methodology for calculating driver expenses.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: Current pay rules are based on a survey of driver expenses conducted several years ago.
- c. <u>Objectives</u>: Ensure that the expense portion of the pay rules tracks industry developments and accurately reflects the costs borne by drivers.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: Local Law 150 of 2018.
- f. <u>Persons and entities likely to be affected</u>: Drivers for High-Volume For-Hire Services; High-Volume For-Hire Services; the riding public.
- g. Approximate schedule: Second half of FY 2025.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking:</u> Sherryl Eluto, General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

5. Accessible Dispatch of Taxis.

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Amend rules to better match up wheelchair accessible taxis to passengers who request them on an E-hail application.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: TLC has provided dispatch service of taxis to passengers who use wheelchairs through a vendor. TLC will move from a vendor-based program to a rules-based approach to allow Technology Service Providers and E-hail Providers to efficiently dispatch rides.
- c. Objectives: Allow for a more cost-effective and efficient system.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None.

- f. <u>Persons and entities likely to be affected</u>: Technology Service Providers, E-hail application Providers, taxi drivers, the riding public.
- g. Approximate schedule: First quarter of FY 2025.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

6. Update For Hire Vehicle rules pertaining to safety and emissions

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Amend rules to allow for new FHVs with increased mileage on the road than rules currently permit to have an initial inspection that is visual only at the Commission's facility; prohibit guard grills and bumper guards on vehicles; streamline decal requirements.
- b. <u>Reason</u>: Allow for less restrictions when it will not impact safety; prohibit additions to vehicles that could lead to injury in crashes; reduce requirements when no longer necessary.
- c. Objectives: Road safety.
- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None.
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: For-hire vehicle owners.
- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2025.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.

7. Update For Taxi rules pertaining to safety and emissions

- a. <u>Anticipated Contents</u>: Amend rules to allow for new taxi vehicles with increased mileage on the road than rules currently permit to be hacked up; eliminate the maximum horsepower requirement for approved taxi vehicles have an initial inspection that is visual only at the Commission's facility; prohibit guard grills and bumper guards on vehicles; streamline decal requirements.
- b. Reason: Allow for less restrictions when it will not impact safety.
- c. Objectives: Approve additional taxi vehicle models without impacting safety.

- d. <u>Legal Basis</u>: Chapter 65 of the New York City Charter and Title 19 and Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.
- e. Other Relevant Laws: None.
- f. Persons and entities likely to be affected: Medallion taxi owners and drivers.
- g. Approximate schedule: First half of FY 2025.
- h. <u>Agency Contact for Rulemaking</u>: Sherryl Eluto, General Counsel. (212) 676-1089.