

NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Notice of Promulgation

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 1043(f) of the New York City Charter (“Charter”) that the Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) promulgates rules to reflect changes to state law following the passage of the COVID-19 Livery Vehicle Recovery Act.

The rule is promulgated pursuant to sections 1043 and 2303 of the Charter and section 19-503 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York. This rule was published in the City Record on February 7, 2025 for public comment. On March 12, 2025 a public hearing was held virtually by the TLC and the rules were adopted by the Commission on March 26, 2025.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

The TLC is adopting rules to implement changes to state law following the enactment of the COVID-19 Livery Vehicle Recovery Act, Chapter 382 of the Laws of 2024 (the “Act”). The Act permits the owners of certain vehicles, formerly licensed by TLC as For-Hire Vehicles, to renew their licenses on certain conditions. For one year, TLC must accept applications for the renewal of For-Hire Vehicle Licenses that expired from roughly the beginning to the end of the COVID pandemic, that is between March 7, 2020, and September 12, 2022, and which were affiliated with livery bases at the time of expiration. These new licenses may not transfer affiliation to a High-Volume For-Hire Service.

Pursuant to the Act, TLC must provide qualifying vehicle owners with the option to renew their expired For-Hire Vehicle License with the same license restrictions that applied at the time of expiration. For example, a vehicle license that was restricted to an electric vehicle may only renew as an electric vehicle, and a license restricted to a wheelchair accessible vehicle may only renew as a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Following the Public Hearing, changes have been made to these rules. After the public comments from the March 12, 2025 hearing held on this rule, TLC has made the following changes to these rules.

- The May 1, 2025 effective date is now removed, as TLC will implement these rules immediately upon the Mayor’s Finding of a substantial need for early implementation.

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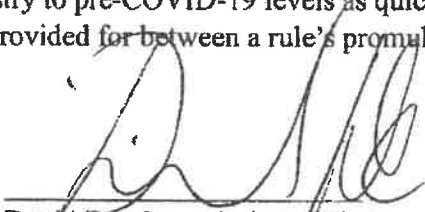
Section 1. Section 59A-06 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (f), to read as follows:

(f) Livery Base Affiliated Vehicles. For a period of one (1) year, For-Hire Vehicle owners whose licenses were affiliated with a Livery Base and expired between March 7, 2020 and September 12, 2022 may apply to renew their licenses, subject to the following requirements.

- (1) The For-Hire Vehicle License was affiliated with a Livery Base and expired starting on March 7, 2020, through September 12, 2022.
- (2) The For-Hire Vehicle must not transfer affiliation to a High-Volume For-Hire Service.
- (3) Applicants renewing Livery Base Affiliated Vehicles are responsible for fees associated with the current license renewal cycle and any outstanding fees or fines already owed to the Commission prior to expiration.
- (4) Applicants shall renew Livery Base Affiliated Vehicles with the same license restrictions that applied at the time of expiration.

Statement of Substantial Need for Earlier Implementation

I hereby find, pursuant to Section 1043(f)(1)(c) of the New York City Charter, that there is a substantial need for the implementation of these rules pursuant to the New York State Covid-19 Livery Vehicle Recovery Act, which requires that TLC accept applications for the renewal of For-Hire Vehicle Licenses that expired from roughly the beginning to the end of the COVID pandemic, that is between March 7, 2020, and September 12, 2022, and which were affiliated with livery bases at the time of expiration. The COVID-19 Livery Vehicle Recovery Act went into effect in November 2024, several years after the expiration of many of these licenses. TLC supports the recovery and growth of the livery industry to pre-COVID-19 levels as quickly as possible. Accordingly, the 30-day period normally provided for between a rule's promulgation and the time it goes into effect is hereby waived.


David Do, Commissioner/Chair
NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission

Date: 05/26/2025

Approved: 

Eric Adams, Mayor

Date: 3/26/2025