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**TLC Issues Biannual Determination on FHV Licenses**

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today issued its latest biannual determination of whether to issue additional For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) licenses. After reviewing relevant factors, the TLC has concluded that it will not issue additional FHV licenses over the next six months. The determination report is available [here](#).

The TLC is required by [agency rules](#) to review congestion levels, driver pay, license attrition rates, and the availability of outer-borough service when making this determination. Data gathered for consideration in this latest determination continue to support a pause in For-Hire Vehicle licensing.

“New York City is beginning to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Ridership, while increasing slightly in recent months, remains lower than prior to the pandemic and there continue to be sufficient vehicles to meet current passenger demand,” said TLC Commissioner and Chair Aloysee Heredia Jarmoszuk, “Therefore, TLC will not issue additional new for-hire vehicle licenses at this time. The next TLC review is scheduled for August 2021.”

**BACKGROUND:**

In August 2018, Mayor Bill de Blasio signed Local Law 147, pausing the issuance of new FHV licenses for one year. The legislation also gave the TLC the authority to determine the number of FHV licenses to issue after the expiration of the initial year. Local Law 147 exempted Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) during the pause. In August 2019, TLC adopted a rule which extended the pause on issuing new FHV licenses. The rule continued the exemption for WAVs and added an exemption for Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs). The new rule requires TLC, beginning one year after the rule’s adoption and every six months thereafter, to review whether additional FHV licenses should be issued, and to report the results of that review and the number of FHV licenses to be issued in the succeeding six months, if any.

**About TLC:**

Created in 1971, the TLC licenses and regulates taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, commuter vans, and paratransit vehicles. Its board consists of nine members, including eight unsalaried Commissioners. The Commissioner and Chair presides over regular public commission meetings and heads the agency, which has a staff of over 600 employees. To drive professionally in New York City, licensees undergo a rigorous background check, must have a safe driving record, and complete 24 hours of driver education. TLC-licensed vehicles undergo regular safety and emission inspections at the Agency’s Inspection Facility. Current Commissioner and Chair Aloysee Heredia Jarmoszuk was appointed in February 2020.