

NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) is proposing to amend its rules pursuant to Local Law 78 of 2025 to require that all taxicabs and for-hire vehicles add cyclist awareness decals inside the rear passenger doors.

When and where is the Hearing? TLC will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 10:00 am on September 3, 2025. The public hearing will be held online using Zoom. There will be no in person public hearing. The public hearing will be livestreamed on TLC’s website at www.nyc.gov/tlc. To participate in the public hearing, please e-mail the TLC at tlcrules@tlc.nyc.gov or call TLC at 212-676-1135 by September 2, 2025. After you have signed up to speak, TLC will provide you with a Zoom URL to enter in on your computer or dial-in via phone number if you prefer to call in.

How do I comment on the proposed rules? Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Mail.** You can mail comments to the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Office of Legal Affairs, 33 Beaver Street – 22nd Floor, New York, New York 10004.
- **Fax.** You can fax comments to the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Office of Legal Affairs, at 212-313-3027.
- **Email.** You can email comments to tlcrules@tlc.nyc.gov.
- **Website.** You can submit comments to the Taxi and Limousine Commission through the NYC rules Web site at www.nyc.gov/nycrules.
- **By speaking at the hearing.** To sign up to speak and provide testimony, you must e-mail the TLC at tlcrules@tlc.nyc.gov or call 212-676-1135 by 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2025. Speakers will not be able to sign up to testify the day of the hearing. Those who did not sign-up in advance to testify are welcome to view the live-stream of the meeting on TLC’s website. Please note that the hearing is for accepting oral testimony only and is not held in a “Question and Answer” format.

Is there a deadline to submit comments? Yes, you must submit comments by September 3, 2025.

Do you need assistance to participate in the Hearings? You must tell the Office of Legal Affairs if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the Hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail at the address given above. You may also tell us by telephone at 212-676-1135. You must tell us by September 2, 2025. This location has the following accessibility option(s) available: Simultaneous

transcription for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and audio only access.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at www.nyc.gov/nycrules. A few days after the hearing, copies of all comments submitted online, copies of all written comments, and a summary of oral comments concerning the proposed rule will be available to the public at the Office of Legal Affairs.

What authorizes the Commission to make this rule? Sections 1043 and 2303 of the New York City Charter and sections 19-503 and 19-557 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York authorize the Commission to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was not included in the Commission's regulatory agenda for this fiscal year because it was not contemplated when the Commission published the agenda.

Where can I find the Commission's rules? The Commission's rules are in Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What rules govern the rulemaking process? TLC must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE OF RULE

The TLC is proposing rules to implement Local Law 78 of 2025, which amended the Administrative Code of the City of New York to require that all taxicabs and for-hire vehicles add cyclist awareness decals, to be provided at no charge by the Commission, on the inside of rear passenger doors, warning passengers to look for cyclists before opening the door. The proposed rule includes penalties for failure to display the decals if not corrected within 10 days of notice of the violation.

The Commission's authority for this rule is found in section 2303 of the New York City Charter and sections 19-503 and 19-557 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Section 1. Subdivision (f) of Section 58-32 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

- (f) *Approved Interior Markings.* An Owner must not display inside a Taxicab any advertising or other notice not specifically authorized by these rules or the Commission's Marking Specifications for Taxicabs unless approved by the Commission, except for the following:
- (1) Industry signage/logos of all credit/debit cards accepted by the Technology System, all of equal size[; and].
 - (2) Advertising on the Technology System as set forth below in the Taxicab Marking Specifications table (§58-32(i)) and in §67-15(d) of these Rules.

§ 58-32(f)(2)	Fine: \$50	Appearance NOT REQUIRED
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- (3) *Cyclist Awareness Decal.* An Owner must equip all Taxicabs with decals provided by the Commission warning passengers to look for cyclists before opening the door. Such decals must be placed on the inside of both rear passenger doors.

§ 58-32(f)(3)	<u>Fine: \$50 if plead guilty before a hearing; \$75 if found guilty following a hearing. No penalty for missing decal if condition is corrected within 10 days</u>	<u>Appearance NOT REQUIRED</u>
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Section 2. Subdivision (i) of Section 58-32 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph (u), to read as follows:

<u>(u) Cyclist Awareness Decals (required)</u>	<u>Inside of both rear passenger doors</u>	<u>As issued by the Commission</u>
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Section 3. Section 59A-29 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (o) to read as follows:

(o) *Required Decal.* Each For-Hire Vehicle must display decals provided by the Commission warning passengers to look for cyclists before opening the door. Such decals must be placed on the inside of both rear passenger doors.

<u>§ 59A-29(o)</u>	<u>Fine: \$50 if plead guilty before a hearing; \$75 if found guilty following a hearing. No penalty for missing decal if condition is corrected within 10 days</u>	<u>Appearance NOT REQUIRED</u>
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Section 4. Section 59B-29 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (q) to read as follows:

(q) *Required Decal.* Each For-Hire Vehicle must display decals provided by the Commission warning passengers to look for cyclists before opening the door. Such decals must be placed on the inside of both rear passenger doors.

<u>§ 59B-29(q)</u>	<u>Fine: \$50 if plead guilty before a hearing; \$75 if found guilty following a hearing. No penalty for missing decal if condition is corrected within 10 days</u>	<u>Appearance NOT REQUIRED</u>
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Section 5. Subdivision (f) of Section 82-33 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(f) *Approved Interior Markings.* A Licensee must not display inside a Street Hail Livery any advertising or other notice not specifically authorized by

these rules or the Commission's Marking Specifications for Street Hail Liveries unless approved by the Commission, except for the following:

- (1) Industry signage/logos of all credit/debit cards accepted by the Technology System, all of equal size, shown on the Technology System[; and].
- (2) Advertising on the Technology System as set forth in the Street Hail Liveries Marking Specifications table (§82-33(1)) of these Rules.

§ 82-33(f)(2)	Fine: \$50 if plead guilty before a hearing; \$75 if found guilty following a hearing	Appearance NOT REQUIRED
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- (3) Cyclist Awareness Decal. An Owner must equip all Street Hail Liveries with decals provided by the Commission warning passengers to look for cyclists before opening the door. Such decals must be placed on the inside of both rear passenger doors.

§ 82-33(f)(3)	<u>Fine: \$50 if plead guilty before a hearing; \$75 if found guilty following a hearing. No penalty for missing decal if condition is corrected within 10 days</u>	<u>Appearance NOT REQUIRED</u>
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Section 6. Subdivision (l) of Section 82-33 of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph (r), to read as follows:

<u>(r) Cyclist Awareness Decals (required)</u>	<u>Inside of both rear passenger doors</u>	<u>As issued by the Commission</u>
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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
CHARTER §1043(d)**

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Relating to Interior Markings in Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles

REFERENCE NUMBER: 2025 RG 058

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Taxi & Limousine Commission

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN GOULDEN
Senior Counsel

Date: 7/28/2025

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**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Relating to Interior Markings in Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles

REFERENCE NUMBER: TLC-159

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Taxi and Limousine Commission

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities;
- (ii) Minimizes compliance costs for the discrete regulated community or communities consistent with achieving the stated purpose of the rule; and
- (iii) Provides a 10-day cure period.

/s/ Francisco X. Navarro
Mayor's Office of Operations

July 30, 2025
Date