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TLC REMINDS LICENSEES OF TRAFFIC RULES AFFECTING TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

During the holiday season, more residents and visitors enter the city to shop and enjoy the many seasonal cultural attractions, thereby increasing traffic congestion. The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) reminds taxicab and for-hire vehicle drivers that strict adherence to the traffic rules of the City will help reduce congestion and help you to ensure that your passengers arrive at their destinations quickly and safely. It is also the law, and motorists who disobey traffic and parking regulations will be subject to substantial fines. The TLC wishes to remind its licensees of a few key provisions of the New York City Traffic Regulations affecting taxicabs and for-hire vehicles.

No Stopping: Taxicabs and for-hire vehicles may not stop, even to accept or discharge passengers, at locations where "Stopping" is prohibited.

No Standing: Taxicabs and for-hire vehicles may stop in "No Standing" zones to expeditiously accept or discharge passengers.

Fire Hydrants: Taxicabs and for-hire vehicles may stop within fifteen (15) feet of a hydrant, between sunrise and sunset, provided the driver is seated behind the wheel and the vehicle is moved when the driver hears an approaching fire apparatus, or when he/she is directed by a law enforcement officer.

Hotel Loading Zone: A taxicab or for-hire vehicle may stop in a hotel-loading zone only while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers and/or baggage.

Express Lanes: The TLC and New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) encourage TLC-licensed drivers to make use of all appropriate HOV and Express lanes, whenever possible.

Midtown Thru-Streets Initiative: The TLC and DOT also remind you to be aware and make use of the Midtown Thru-Streets Initiative, which will help manage traffic flow in Midtown while expediting cross-town trips.

The preceding is a sampling of the more common Traffic Regulations. For further information, please call 212-NYC-TAXI, or view the TLC's official web site at www.nyc.gov/taxi. You may also contact the City Department of Transportation at (212) CALL-DOT or visit their web site at www.nyc.gov/dot.