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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BEGINS ACCEPTING LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR PEDICAB BUSINESSES AND PEDICAB DRIVERS

Consumer Affairs' Application and Inspection Process Will Help Ensure the Safety of New Yorkers, Tourists and Pedicab Operators

Deadline to Submit an Application for a Pedicab Business License is Friday, November 20

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) today announced it will begin licensing its newest industry: pedicabs. New Yorkers who currently own a pedicab business – or who wish to start a pedicab business – must obtain a Pedicab Business license from DCA by submitting a complete license application by Friday, November 20. Under the newly enacted pedicab law, DCA cannot accept Pedicab Business applications after November 20, therefore, limiting the number of licensed pedicab businesses to the number of applications received by that date. Each Pedicab Business applicant can seek registration for up to 30 pedicabs. Once a Pedicab Business submits a completed business license application, DCA will schedule an inspection of the business' pedicabs to ensure each pedicab meets the City's safety requirements.

DCA will also begin accepting Pedicab Driver license applications. Anyone who drives a pedicab for hire within the City of New York must obtain a Pedicab Driver license. There is no deadline for pedicab driver applications. Anyone who has a valid driver's license issued, or recognized as valid, by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, is eligible to apply for a DCA pedicab driver license.

"The Department of Consumer Affairs stands ready to begin the licensing process for this burgeoning industry. Our enforcement team is prepared to inspect each pedicab thoroughly for seatbelts, appropriate brakes, working headlights, and other safety features, as well as insurance, to help ensure the safety of New Yorkers and tourists who use pedicabs," said Consumer Affairs Commissioner Jonathan Mintz "In addition, our licensing staff will be working diligently during the intense 60-day licensing period to ensure that pedicab businesses and drivers complete the licensing process as smoothly, and efficiently, as possible. I encourage pedicab business owners to submit applications as soon as possible to ensure a speedy licensing process."

Pedicab Business and Driver license applications can be downloaded on the DCA Web site at www.nyc.gov/consumers. All applications must be submitted in person at the DCA Licensing Center, located at 42 Broadway, 5th floor, in Manhattan. The hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. License application packets are also available at the DCA Licensing Center or by calling 311.

Below is a partial checklist of documents which must be submitted with applications for Pedicab Business and a Pedicab Driver licenses:

PEDICAB BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **A roster of pedicabs for which you are requesting registration plates.** Each pedicab you list must have a unique and permanently affixed Pedicab Identifying Number (PID). A pedicab business license applicant may apply for no more than 30 pedicabs.
- **A certificate of legally compliant insurance coverage.**
- **A Pedicab Business License Application Certificate.**
- **A license fee of \$110.** The license fee includes a registration plate for one pedicab. There is a \$60 fee for each additional pedicab registration plates. License fees must be paid when the license application is submitted. There are also additional fees for inspections.

For more information about Pedicab Business license application requirements, visit the complete [Pedicab Business License Application Checklist](#) on DCA's Web Site.

PEDICAB DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Photo ID.** DCA accepts a driver's license, passport and an alien card/green card, or a City, State or Federal employee ID card.
- **Valid driver's license.** Pedicab drivers must hold a motor vehicle driver's license that is valid under New York State law, and that proves you are at least 18 years old, as required by New York State law. Valid licenses include licenses issued by New York State and licenses issued by other U.S. states, U.S. territories, Federal districts, and other countries *unless you are or become a resident of New York State*. For information on New York State requirements for a valid driver's license, visit the Department of Motor Vehicles online at <http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/license.htm>
- **A license fee of \$35.**

For more information about Pedicab Driver license application requirements, visit the complete [Pedicab Driver Application Checklist](#) on DCA's Web Site.

Additionally, each Pedicab Business applicant must also present its registered pedicabs to the Department for safety inspections each year. The following is a partial list of pedicab safety requirements:

PEDICAB SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- **The Pedicab Identifying Number (PID) as listed on the Roster of Pedicabs included with the license application**
- **Three or more wheels**
- **A unibody frame for the entire vehicle.** A pedicab shall have a maximum width of 55 inches and a maximum length of 10 feet.

- **Seating for no more than three passengers and seat belts for all passengers.** There may be either one seat belt for each passenger or one seat belt that covers all passengers.
- **An operational hydraulic, mechanical disc, or drum brake system.**
- **An operational secondary or emergency brake system.**
- **Operational battery-operated headlights and taillights**
- **Operational turn lights that can be seen from the rear of the pedicab**
- **An audible signaling device**
- **Reflectors on the spokes of the wheels and on the wheel covers, if used**

The full checklists of application and inspection requirements, and copies of the license application forms, are available at www.nyc.gov/consumers, as well as in the DCA Licensing Center.

For more information about the pedicab application process or inspection requirements, download DCA's [Frequently Asked Questions: Pedicab Business and Pedicab Driver Licenses](#) or visit the DCA Web Site to read sections of the New York City Licensing Law pertaining to pedicabs.

DCA enforces the Consumer Protection Law and other related business laws throughout New York City. Ensuring a fair and vibrant marketplace for consumers and businesses, DCA licenses more than 71,000 businesses in 57 different industries. Through targeted outreach, partnerships with community and trade organizations, and informational materials, DCA educates consumers and businesses alike about their rights and responsibilities. DCA's Office of Financial Empowerment is the first municipal office of its kind in the nation with a mission to educate, empower and protect New Yorkers with low incomes. DCA's OFE administers a citywide network of Financial Empowerment Centers and other products and services that help these New Yorkers make the best use of their financial resources to move forward economically. For more information, call 311 or visit DCA online at www.nyc.gov/consumers.