

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 154

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
REGARDING STREET TRANSPORTATION

August 26, 2011

WHEREAS, Executive Orders 152 and 153 declare a state of emergency in the City of New York, including mandatory evacuations from low-lying areas, in anticipation of a hurricane this weekend;

WHEREAS, the weather is expected to cause disruption to the City's transportation system requiring alternative modes of transportation to be readily available to the public; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances constitute an imminent peril to the public health and safety requiring the adoption of emergency measures;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. State of Emergency. A state of emergency is hereby declared to exist within the City of New York.

§ 2. Taxi and for-hire vehicle provisions. The following provisions of this emergency order shall apply to vehicles licensed by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission ("TLC"):

a. The Chair of the TLC ("the Chair") is authorized to determine that conditions warrant implementation of the provisions of this order. Upon making such determination, the Chair is authorized, for the duration of the emergency, to

(1) implement any of the actions enumerated in this section as the Chair determines necessary. Any such actions may be modified, continued, or discontinued as the Chair determines necessary.

(2) establish group ride locations and establish per person or per trip rates of fare for trips in taxicabs licensed by the TLC originating in such locations. The Chair may

determine whether drivers and/or passengers shall have the option or shall be required to offer or accept group rides.

(3) permit sharing of rides in all taxicabs, either with or without the passenger's consent as the Chair directs, and to set rates of fares, and, if appropriate, fare zones, for all taxicabs.

(4) permit all for-hire vehicles licensed by the TLC to pick up passengers with or without pre-arrangement ("street hails").

(5) permit sharing of rides, either with or without the passenger's consent, as the Chair directs, in all for-hire vehicles licensed by the TLC, and set rates of fares, and, if appropriate, fare zones, for all such for-hire vehicles. In such event, all drivers of for-hire vehicles licensed by the TLC shall display their TLC operator's license and the name of the affiliated base or authority inside the vehicle in a manner that is easily visible or accessible to the passengers.

(6) permit all commuter vans licensed as such by the TLC to operate outside of the geographical area set forth in their operation authorization.

b. No TLC-licensed driver shall charge or permit the charging of any passenger a fare in excess of the authorized rate of fare for any trip.

§3. This Order shall take effect 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 27, 2011, and shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless it is terminated or modified at an earlier date.

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor