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**STATEMENT BY CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER JONATHAN MINTZ  
ON PUBLISHING OF PEDICAB LICENSING RULES**

In April 2007, the City Council passed Local Law 19 over Mayor Bloomberg's veto, requiring pedicabs to be licensed and restricting the number of pedicab plates that can be issued citywide to 325. Today, taking into account multiple meetings and generous input from industry members and other stakeholders, the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs published its final rules in *The City Record* for issuing those pedicab licenses.

Since the law was passed, the Department has met with approximately 100 pedicab representatives, held a public hearing in which 45 individuals testified, and reviewed written public comment. Specifically taking into account the biggest concerns raised by the industry about how limited pedicab plates are issued, we have increased the number of plates that can be distributed in each allocation "round" for businesses who have operated large fleets; and to ensure that businesses previously in the industry get first shot at the available plates, we have tightened verification requirements. Both changes appear in the final rule published today.

To ensure the licensing process runs smoothly and quickly within a very tight timeline before the law takes effect on September 20, the Department will hold a special orientation session for potential applicants on Friday, August 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at 42 Broadway, 6th floor, in lower Manhattan. In addition, the Department has extended the operating hours of its Licensing Center, and has posted detailed information, including license application materials, online at [www.nyc.gov/consumers](http://www.nyc.gov/consumers).