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Consumer Affairs Proposes Licensing Rules for Pedicabs

Proposal Includes Priority Applicant Pool for Established Pedicab Businesses and Random Wait List Order for All Applicants

The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) today announced its proposed rules for issuing pedicab licenses. The proposal follows the enactment of Local Law 19, passed by the City Council over Mayor Bloomberg's veto in April 2007, which requires pedicabs to be licensed and restricts the total number of plates citywide to 325. In addition, individuals are prohibited from requesting more than 30 pedicab plates. The proposal, which highlights priority for applicants with established pedicab businesses and random wait list order for all applicants, reflects input gathered from meetings and discussions with industry representatives. The guidelines for public comment and the proposed rules were published today in the City Record. Full copies, including a proposal summary, are available on DCA's web site at www.nyc.gov/consumers.

"With a limited number of pedicab plates to issue, our proposal strikes the fairest approach by dividing all 325 evenly among those already in the industry," said Jonathan Mintz, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs. "We thank industry members for their input, and look forward to further public comment."

A public hearing on DCA's proposed rules is scheduled for August 3, 2007 at 10:00a.m. to be held at 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, New York, N.Y. 10013. Written comment may be submitted by email to pedicabs@dca.nyc.gov or by mail Attn: Andrew Eiler, Office of the Commissioner, NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, 42 Broadway, 8th floor, New York, NY 10004 on or before August 3, 2007.

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