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RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION AND THE WESTCHESTER TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION REGARDING INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION.

The City of New York and the County of Westchester have signed an Agreement to provide for the reciprocal recognition of for-hire vehicle and operator permits issued by the Taxi and Limousine Commissions in each jurisdiction. The purpose of this Agreement is to permit for-hire vehicle operators licensed in either Westchester County or New York City to engage in intermunicipal transportation of passengers without obtaining a separate permit from both jurisdictions.

Effective immediately, vehicles licensed by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (NYCTLC) with a valid Tier I permit, and operated by a driver with a current, valid operator's license issued by NYCTLC, may discharge passengers within Westchester County on trips originating outside the County and may accept passengers by prearrangement from points within Westchester County, for destinations outside Westchester County. No separate authorization or permit from WCTLC will be required.

Vehicles licensed by the Westchester County Taxi and Limousine Commission (WCTLC), holding a valid permit to engage in intra-county transportation, and operated by a driver with a current, valid operator's license issued by WCTLC, may discharge passengers within the City of New York on trips originating outside the City, and may accept passengers by prearrangement from points within the City of New York, for destinations outside the City of New York. No separate authorization or permit from NYCTLC will be required.

Licensees engaging in the intermunicipal transportation of passengers between Westchester County and the City of New York must maintain trip logs in the vehicle that include the date, time, origin of the trip and destination.

Licensees engaged in the transportation of passengers between locations in New York City and Westchester County without a valid and current license from the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is subject to licensure shall be subject to fines of up to \$1,500 in Westchester County and fines of up to \$4,500 in New York City.

Licensees are still prohibited from engaging in point-to-point transportation wholly within either jurisdiction without first obtaining the appropriate permit issued by that jurisdiction. Licensees engaged in point-to-point transportation wholly within either jurisdiction without first obtaining the appropriate permit issued by that jurisdiction shall be subject to fines of up to \$1,500 in Westchester County and fines of up to \$1,500 plus the seizure of their vehicle in New York City.

Licensees are reminded to obey all traffic laws and regulations of the City, County or municipality in which the vehicle is operated.