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NEW TAXI FARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today reminded the riding public that a new fare structure will be in effect as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004.

"It is extremely important that taxi riders know and understand the new fare structure," said TLC Commissioner/Chair Matthew W. Daus. "The TLC has worked very closely with the taxicab industry to ensure that the technical transition goes as smoothly as possible, but we also want passengers to experience a smooth transition as well."

The computerized taximeters in each of New York City's 12,187 medallion taxicabs will have been reprogrammed to automatically reflect the new fare structure as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004. All rides that commence immediately prior to that time will be charged at the now-existing fare structure, even if the ride terminates after 12:01 a.m. Passengers will also see the new fare structure represented in new stickers that will be located on the side of each taxicab.

NEW FARE STRUCTURE

	New Fare Structure
Initial Drop	\$2.50
Mileage Charge	\$.40 per 1/5 mile
Waiting Time	\$.40 per 120 seconds
JFK Flat Fare to Manhattan	\$45.00
Newark Airport Surcharge	\$15.00
Night Surcharge (8 p.m. - 6 a.m. - 7 nights)	\$.50
Peak Hour Pricing (4 - 8 p.m. - weekdays only, excluding holidays)	\$1.00

It is important to note, that in the unusual event that a taximeter has not been reprogrammed, or has been reprogrammed incorrectly, and still reflects the existing (old) fare structure after 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004, the passenger would only be obligated to pay that amount.

The TLC's Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the fare modification - the industry's first since March 1996 - at a public hearing and meeting held March 30, 2004.