

NYCPOA Driver Best Practices Program Overview

TO: NEW YORK CITY PEDICAB DRIVERS

The New York City Pedicab Drivers' Association is piloting a program to monitor driver practices and behavior. **The purpose of the plan is to maintain safe, legal and sustainable driving practices so that the City doesn't decide to put us all out of business.**

Members of the NYCPOA will be patrolling the streets observing driver behavior. Drivers who are observed committing violations will receive points, and **no driver who exceeds the maximum number of points during a six-month period will be permitted to rent a pedicab from any NYCPOA member.** For further details, please speak to your fleet owner.

Between May 15 and May 31, monitors will be issuing warnings only and no points will be issued (although warnings will go on record). Please treat the monitors with courtesy and listen to what they have to say, as they are there to instruct you rather than to penalize you. Following May 31 this grace period will be over and points will begin to accumulate.

Violations of the Pedicab Driver Code of Conduct are listed on the reverse, ranked from Category I (most to serious) to Category III (least serious). **Please familiarize yourself with this list and avoid committing these actions. Almost all of them are illegal; all are dangerous to yourself, your passengers, your fleet owner, and/or the industry as a whole.**

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Violations

Category I violations

- a) Driving against traffic with passengers.
- b) Driving on a sidewalk with passengers.
- c) Driving through any red light with passengers.
- d) Physical fighting.**
- e) Driving while visibly under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.**
- f) Overloading the pedicab in such a manner that passengers are not seated or are seated on the armrests, back or platform of the pedicab.

Category II Violations

- a) Driving against traffic while empty.
- b) Driving on a sidewalk while empty.
- c) Driving through a red light while empty.
- d) Soliciting rides and/or taking payment **in** Central Park.
- e) Driving in Central Park anywhere except on roads.
- f) Dangerously driving in the middle of the avenue in briskly moving traffic with passengers

Category III Violations

- a) Obstructing pedestrian right of way.
- b) Parking at the curb near other pedicab(s) in such a way that pedestrians cannot fit between pedicabs to reach the street.
- c) Driving after dark without headlights and/or taillights.*
- d) Obstructing traffic.
- e) Dangerously driving in the middle of the avenue in briskly moving traffic while empty.

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f) Driving through any City park with advertising showing.

g) Leaving a pedicab unlocked and unattended.

*No points will accrue to the driver if there are no lights present on the pedicab at all, as opposed to lights being present but not on.

However, please inform your fleet owner that the pedicab needs lights.

These violations may result in **immediate termination, no second chances, if circumstances warrant.