

## **Frequently Asked Questions: *Proposed New Pedicab Law***

### **I've heard that the New York City Council is going to pass a new pedicab law. What will be in the new law?**

If passed, the new law would establish an application period of 60 calendar days in which to apply for a pedicab license and register pedicab vehicles. After 60 days, no more applications to register additional pedicab vehicles would be accepted. Each pedicab business license applicant would be able to apply for no more than 30 pedicab vehicles.

### **When will the 60-day application period begin?**

Not yet. First, the new law must be passed by the New York City Council and then signed by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. In addition, the Department must promulgate implementing Rules. Please visit the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Web site [www.nyc.gov/consumers](http://www.nyc.gov/consumers) for all relevant updates.

### **Will the cap on the 60-day application period be permanent?**

In the agreement announced by Mayor Bloomberg and Council Speaker Christine Quinn, the new legislation would have this cap lapse eighteen (18) months after the bill goes into effect.

### **How are pedicab drivers affected by the proposed new law?**

There will be no change from Local Law 19 of 2007. There is no limit on the number of pedicab driver licenses that may be issued. *The 60-day application period cap does not apply to pedicab drivers.* DCA is not yet accepting or processing pedicab driver license applications. Please visit DCA's Web site [www.nyc.gov/consumers](http://www.nyc.gov/consumers) for updates about the license application process for pedicab drivers.

### **Will the new law include any changes to the requirements regarding insurance, safety equipment, or operations that were in Local Law 19 of 2007?**

No changes of this nature are anticipated. Please refer to Local Law 19 of 2007, which is posted on DCA's Web site [www.nyc.gov/consumers](http://www.nyc.gov/consumers) to familiarize yourself with those licensing and operational requirements.

### **Can I submit my application during the 60-day application period even if I don't have insurance yet for each pedicab vehicle I am seeking to register or if my pedicab vehicle(s) do not meet the safety equipment requirements in Local Law 19 of 2007?**

No. DCA will NOT accept incomplete applications. Businesses seeking a license and to register pedicab vehicles must meet all necessary requirements in order to submit their applications and have those applications accepted for review by DCA within the 60-day period.

**After I submit a completed application, how will I get my pedicab vehicle(s) inspected?**

Once you have submitted a completed application for review, DCA will schedule an inspection of your pedicab vehicle(s) quickly. Pedicab vehicles that pass inspection will receive a numbered registration decal from DCA so that you can begin licensed operations immediately.

**Will I be able to apply for a pedicab business or pedicab driver license online?**

License application checklists and relevant forms will be made available for download on the DCA Web site [www.nyc.gov/consumers](http://www.nyc.gov/consumers); however, you must bring completed forms to the DCA Licensing Center at 42 Broadway, 5th floor.

**When will pedicab business and pedicab driver license applications be available?**

DCA will make applications available online and at DCA's Licensing Center after the proposed bill is passed by City Council and signed into law by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. Please check DCA's Web site for up-to-date information. You then will be able to obtain license application packets online at [www.nyc.gov/consumers](http://www.nyc.gov/consumers), in person at the DCA Licensing Center on the 5th floor of 42 Broadway, or by calling 311 to request that applications be mailed to you.

**What if I previously applied for a pedicab business or pedicab driver license in 2007?**

Pedicab businesses must submit a new application within the 60-day application period. Pedicab drivers can submit new applications at any time after the new law becomes effective. However, any fees which you paid in 2007 will be applied to your new application.

**What if I have additional questions?**

Continue to monitor DCA's Web site at [www.nyc.gov/consumers](http://www.nyc.gov/consumers) or you may contact DCA by e-mail at [pedicabs@dca.nyc.gov](mailto:pedicabs@dca.nyc.gov).