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MAYOR BLOOMBERG SIGNS THE PEDICAB BILL INTO LAW AUGUST 13, 2009

August 13, 2009, New York City: Mayor Michael Bloomberg signs the first ever bill regulating pedicabs in New York City that will actually go into effect that he signed (EVER!) in a friendly setting in the Blue Room, City Hall. The amended bill's actual number is Intro 1031-A...in relation to licensing of pedicabs. Once signed, it becomes a local law.



Additional bills signed that day included two for bicycle parking (intro 780-A for bicycle parking in garages and parking lots and Intro 871-A for bicycle access to office buildings) and one prohibiting smoking on and around hospital grounds (Intro 642-A).



Many commissioners were present that day, including the commissioners of Health, Consumer Affairs, D.O.T., and Buildings.

At the opening of the bill signing ceremony that day, in the Blue Room of City Hall, a lovely, classically proportioned room dominated by an oil portrait of Alexander Hamilton, Mayor Bloomberg re-ordered the day's lineup so as to start off with the amended pedicab bill. This seemed only fair since the pedicab industry had waited since 2007 to see an industry friendly bill come along.

Recall the Mayor vetoed the first version in April 2007, which the Council over-rode but which was later stopped by a successful Article 78 lawsuit heard in NY State Supreme Court and later the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. But that was all water under the bridge on the happy day of this signing, although the Mayor did mention this all as a part of the political process.

A video of the proceedings may be seen, as long as this link is valid, at nyc.gov webcast: see:

http://www.nyc.gov/portal/site/nycgov/menuitem.b270a4a1d51bb3017bce0ed101c789a0/index.jsp?doc_name=/html/om/html/2009b/events_08.html



NYCPOA president Gregg Zukowski receives the first pen used to sign the new pedicab bill by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. This pen is now part of the NYCPOA archive.

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