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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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INFORMATION PACKAGE



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The Consumer Services Department will be conducting separate drawings for a total of 10 taxicab medallions. Two separate drawings will be conducted for the categories and number of medallions as listed below.

Category	Number of Medallions
SENIOR DRIVER	4
VETERAN	6

Applicants may apply for one or both categories based on the eligibility criteria described below. Only one license will be issued in the category first selected should any applicant be selected in more than one category.

The Consumer Services Department, Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division (PTRD) will begin accepting applications on **Thursday, September 1, 2011**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 140 W. Flagler Street, Suite 904, Miami, Florida 33130. Office is open Monday through Friday only, except for holidays.

Applications submitted prior to September 1, 2011 will not be processed or returned.

Applications will be accepted through **Friday, October 21, 2011**, at 4 p.m. No application will be accepted after this date and time.

IMPORTANT: Each lottery applicant must submit his/her application in person -- picture identification will be required. Applications may be submitted by 3rd parties upon the presentation of a current, valid, power of attorney. The original power of attorney must be presented at the time of submission.

Taxi chauffeurs interested in participating in the lottery are strongly encouraged to read the lottery information package to familiarize themselves with the rules and requirements of the lottery prior to submitting an application. Once submitted, all lottery entry and processing fees are non-refundable.

LOTTERY FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE):

Investigative and processing fee \$170.00
Lottery entry fee \$100.00 (for each lottery entered)

Payment method: Credit Card (Visa or Master Card only). Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to Board of County Commissioners. No Business or Personal checks. **Once submitted, all lottery entry and investigative fees shall be non-refundable.**

For-hire medallions shall be issued to lottery winners upon submission of complete application and approval for for-hire medallion and payment of \$5,000.00. Medallion payment, in full, is due within thirty (30) days after the lottery.

Pursuant to 31-82(d), no person shall be issued a for-hire medallion who:

- (1) Has misrepresented or concealed a material fact on his, her, or its application;
- (2) Is an alien who is not duly authorized to work by the immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States;
- (3) Is a user of alcohol or drugs whose current use would constitute a direct threat to property or the safety of others;

- (4) Has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of a felony within the last five (5) years, regardless of whether adjudication has been withheld, unless his or her civil or residency rights have been restored;
- (5) Has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of any crime wherein a for-hire vehicle was employed whether or not adjudication has been withheld;
- (6) Has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of any felony, regardless of whether adjudication has been withheld, involving moral turpitude relating to sex, the use of a deadly weapon, homicide, trafficking in narcotics, violence against a law enforcement officer under §775.0823, Florida Statutes, or is a habitual violent felony offender under §775.084, Florida Statutes;
- (7) Has violated any condition, limitation, or restriction of a for-hire medallion imposed by the director or commission where the director deems the violation to be grounds for denial;
- (8) Was enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction from engaging in the for-hire business or was enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any of the requirements of this chapter;
- (9) Has as a stockholder, officer, director, or partner of a corporation or partnership committed an act or omission which would be cause for denying a for-hire license to the officer, director, stockholder, or partner as an individual;
- (10) Failed to comply with the terms of a cease and desist order, notice to correct a violation or any other lawful order of the director;
- (11) Has any unsatisfied civil penalty or judgment pertaining to for-hire operations;
- (12) Has had a for-hire medallion issued by Miami-Dade County revoked;
- (13) Has within the last five (5) years pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of any misdemeanor (regardless of whether adjudication is withheld) involving moral turpitude relating to sex; or
- (14) Has within the last ten (10) years pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted (regardless of whether adjudication is withheld) of any offense involving trafficking in narcotics. After said ten (10) year period, such person shall only be eligible if and when his or her civil or residency rights have been restored.

Separate drawings will be held for the following categories:

SENIOR DRIVER LOTTERY

Four (4) of the for-hire medallions to operate a taxicab shall be set aside for Miami-Dade taxicab chauffeurs who have continuously held a valid taxicab chauffeur's registration since September 1, 1991 or before and who:

- are not presently holders of a Miami- Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion;
- have not previously held a for-hire taxicab license or had any interest in a license;
- do not presently have any interest in a corporation, partnership, or any other business entity which holds a Miami-Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion; and satisfy the requirements of Section 31-82(c).
- between September 1, 2006 and September 1, 2011 has not been found guilty of more than five (5) violations of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

Note: Chauffeur registrations renewed up to 30-days after expiration will not constitute a break in service.

VETERAN LOTTERY

Six (6) for-hire medallions to operate a taxicab for Miami-Dade taxicab chauffeurs who have continuously held a valid taxicab chauffeur's registration since September 1, 2006 or before and:

- is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who has been honorably discharged; (DD 214 form must be submitted with application)
- are not presently holders of a Miami- Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion;
- have not previously held a for-hire taxicab medallion or had an interest in a medallion;

- do not presently have any interest in a corporation, partnership, or any other business entity which holds a Miami-Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion;
- satisfy the requirements of Section 31-82(c).
- between September 1, 2006 and September 1, 2011 has not been found guilty of more than five (5) violations of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

Note: Chauffeur registrations renewed up to 30-days after expiration will not constitute a break in service.

If selected as a lottery winner and meet the requirements of the Code when awarded the taxicab for-hire license you must operate the for-hire license one (1) out of two (2) shifts per day on an average of five (5) days per week and comply with the following additional conditions:

Dispatch System

Each taxicab operated pursuant to a for-hire license issued pursuant to the lotteries and auctions provided for in subsections (o)(5) and (o)(6) after September 1, 2010:

(i) Shall within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the issuance of the for-hire license be equipped with an operable mobile two-way radio or electronic dispatch system, installed and operating properly that is connected to and subscribed to service with a passenger service company that has a fixed-base call center operated twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year and by which a dispatcher may communicate with the taxicab chauffeur during all hours of vehicle operation to provide for-hire transportation to a passenger. Notwithstanding the foregoing, mobile two-way radio or electronic dispatch systems required by the preceding sentence shall, within eighteen (18) months of the issuance of the for-hire license, be integrated with a global positioning dispatch system capable of determining the location of each taxicab utilizing the system twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year;

(ii) Shall within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the issuance of the for-hire license be equipped with an operable taximeter meeting the requirements described in this subsection. All customer receipts shall be generated by a taximeter or other electronic device, shall contain the fare charged, the name and telephone number of the passenger service company, the operating permit number, the chauffeur registration number, date and time of transaction and the telephone number for filing complaints with the CSD. In addition, all taximeters shall be programmed with the approved special service rates.

Security Camera

Shall within twelve (12) months from the issuance of the for-hire license be equipped with an operable digital security camera system ("DSCS") with the following minimum requirements:

- (1) The camera must record sharp, undistorted original still images that are reliable for identification of all individuals seated in any position inside the taxicab and under all lighting conditions including darkness with a strong rear light source.
- (2) The DSCS shall record images and shall display at the top of each image the time/date, taxicab number, trigger source, and recording unit serial number.
- (3) Storage capacity shall be, at a minimum, 4,000 images.
- (4) When memory storage capacity is reached, the DSCS shall overwrite the oldest images as new images are recorded in sequence.
- (5) Images shall be recorded and stored in a recording unit, within the vehicle, separate from the mounted camera. No image shall be transmitted from the recording unit to any other electronic device via the internet or any other means.
- (6) The manufacturing process for the camera and the camera itself shall be certified by the International Organization for Standardization.
- (7) The camera head housing and brackets shall be tamper-proof and securely mounted to the right of the rear-view mirror. The installation shall provide unobstructed vision for the driver.
- (8) The camera housing mounting brackets shall prevent any adjustment of camera aim except by

certified installers.

(9) The recording unit housing and installation brackets must use tamperproof fasteners. The recording unit, and all cables, must be installed under the dash board and concealed from view.

(10) The DSCS shall contain a visual indication of system status readily visible to the chauffeur and enforcement personnel inspecting the vehicle from outside of the driver door.

(11) The DSCS and components shall be sufficiently shock-resistant to withstand typical vehicle movement and collisions.

(12) Image capture shall be linked to the following events: vehicle door openings and closings, meter engagement and activation of an emergency switch that is linked to the DSCS.

(13) Image access shall be provided only to law enforcement agencies.

Notice of a digital security camera system and a privacy notice shall be prominently displayed within the taxicab, as required by regulations promulgated by CSD;

Credit Card

Shall within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the issuance of the for-hire license be equipped with an operable credit card processing system. The credit card processing equipment shall allow the passenger to utilize the card in the rear compartment of the taxicab without handing the card to the chauffeur. Said equipment shall list tips, fare, tolls and port fees separately. In addition, said equipment shall have the ability to electronically authorize the transaction in a timely manner. The credit card processing equipment shall:

(a) provide for a printed receipt that shall contain the fare charged, the name and telephone number of the passenger service company, the operating permit number, the chauffeur registration number, date and time of transaction and the telephone number for filing complaints with the CSD.

(b) be linked to the taximeter and include a global positioning system.

(c) display itemized fare information, provide for an ability to choose the payment form, and provide for the option of adding a gratuity;

(d) provide for a passenger information module with touch screen capability;

(e) There shall be no additional charge added to the fare for the use of a credit card. No minimum charge may be imposed for the use of a credit card to pay a fare. A taxicab that accepts credit cards in payment of fares must post upon the vehicle the type of credit cards accepted for payment. The specifications of said posting shall be prescribed by the CSD. The credit card payment process shall comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard or its equivalent; and

(f) A taxicab equipped with a credit card processing system shall not be operated when the credit card processing system is not operational;

Warning Light

Shall within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the issuance of the for-hire license be equipped with operable warning lights for the purpose of advising others and law enforcement agents that an emergency situation exists within the vehicle.

(a) The warning light system shall consist of two devices.

(b) Such devices shall be mounted one at the front center of the vehicle, either on top of the bumper or in front of or behind the grill. The second device shall be mounted on top of the rear bumper, to the left of the license plate.

This is only an information package - for full details, please refer to the Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 31-82. For questions regarding the 2011 Taxicab Lottery, call Steven Bobes at (305) 375-2481.