



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

INTRO. NO: 35-A

COMMITTEE: Consumer Affairs

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the regulation of horse drawn cabs and repealing section 17-333 of the administrative code.

Sponsor: By Council Members Gennaro, Crowley, Koslowitz, James, Koppell, White, Reyna, Comrie, and Sanders

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation would amend several sections of the Administrative code pertaining to rental horses and the horse carriage industry. It would require horses to be secured by use of a rope attached to a halter, rather than a bit or bridle, when tethered, and would require standing stalls for carriage horses to be 60 square feet or larger with a minimum width of seven feet. Carriage horses would receive no less than five weeks of vacation annually, with carriage operators required to furnish proof of compliance upon request. Rental horse owners would be required to keep written protocols for emergencies, including emergency contact and insurance company information, and to have their horses inspected by a veterinarian at intervals up to eight months. Carriage horses would not be allowed to be younger than 5 years nor older than 26 years of age, and owners would have to provide a blanket for horses in cold weather and equip all carriages with lighting and emergency brake equipment.

Carriage operators would be allowed to charge \$50 for a 20 minute ride and \$20 for each additional 10 minutes, indexed for inflation every 3 years. At no time would any horse drawn carriage be allowed to operate below 34th Street in Manhattan or between 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily. An applicant who has not held a carriage operating license would have to ride along with a licensed operator for an 80 hour probationary period before obtaining a license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect immediately, except that section 17-330 (c) regarding the size of standing stalls would take effect one hundred eighty days after this local law became effective and except that the commissioners of the Department of Health and/or Consumer Affairs would take all actions necessary for its implementation prior to such effective date.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2010

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY10	FY Succeeding Effective FY11	Full Fiscal Impact FY10
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: There would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: City Council Finance Division

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HISTORY: Introduced as Int. 35 by Council and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs on February 11, 2010. On March 12, 2010, the Committee held a hearing on Proposed Int. 35 and it was laid over. An amendment has been proposed, and the bill will be considered by Committee as Proposed Int. 35-A on April 12, 2010.