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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to displaying a bill of rights and responsibilities in pedicabs.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 20-254 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph 15, 16 and 17 to read as follows:

15. a bill of rights for pedicab passengers highlighting certain rights of pedicab passengers and certain responsibilities of pedicab drivers as follows:

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR PEDICAB PASSENGERS:

Pedicab passengers shall have the right to: (i) be driven by a safe and courteous driver who has a valid pedicab driver's license and obeys all traffic laws; (ii) be driven by a driver who is not under the influence of alcohol or drugs; (iii) a pedicab with working seatbelts, brakes, headlights, taillights and turn lights; and (iv) a detailed receipt.

A pedicab driver shall not drive a pedicab: (i) carrying more than three passengers; (ii) while a passenger is standing; (iii) on a bridge, in a tunnel, in a bicycle lane, or within a pedestrian plaza; (iv) without a rate card posted on the exterior of the pedicab; and (v) without a timing device visible to the passenger if the rate is calculated by time or without an odometer visible to the passenger if the rate is calculated by a uniform measurement of distance.

16. design or construction that permits propulsion by only one individual at a time; and

17. wheels that are propelled solely by human power.

§2. This local law shall take effect one hundred twenty days after the date of its enactment provided, however, that the commissioner shall take any actions necessary prior to such effective date for the implementation of this local law including, but not limited to, the adoption of any necessary rules.

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