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A Local Law in relation to the creation of a black car and livery task force

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Base. The term “base” means a for-hire base as defined in subdivision g of section 59B-03 of title 35 of the rules of the city of New York.

Black car. The term “black car” means a for-hire vehicle dispatched from a central facility whose owner holds a franchise from the corporation or other business entity that operates such central facility, or who is a member of a cooperative that operates such central facility, where such central facility has certified to the satisfaction of the New York city taxi and limousine commission that more than 90 percent of the central facility’s for-hire business is on a payment basis other than direct cash payment by a passenger.

Livery. The term “livery” means a for-hire vehicle that is designed to carry fewer than six passengers excluding the driver, is dispatched from a base and charges for service on the basis of flat rate, time, mileage or zones.

For-hire vehicle. The term “for-hire vehicle” means a for-hire vehicle as defined in subdivision i of section 59B-03 of title 35 of the rules of the city of New York.

§ 2. Task force established. There is hereby established a task force to be known as the black car and livery task force.

§ 3. Duties. The task force shall study the black car and livery industries for the purpose of identifying

challenges to their viability and shall make recommendations for legislation and policy to address those challenges. In addition to any other topics that the task force deems appropriate, the task force shall consider the potential impacts of advertising and the viability of advertising as an additional revenue source for drivers in the black car, livery and other for-hire vehicle industries.

§ 4. Membership. a. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

1. The chairperson of the New York city taxi and limousine commission or such chairperson's designee, who shall serve as chair of the task force;

2. Eight members appointed by the mayor;

3. One member appointed by the speaker of the council; and

4. One member appointed by the public advocate.

b. All appointments required by this section shall be made no later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law.

c. Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. In the event of a vacancy on the task force, a successor shall be selected in the same manner as the original appointment. All members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

§ 5. Meetings. a. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 30 days after the last member has been appointed.

b. The task force may invite relevant experts and stakeholders to attend its meetings and to otherwise provide testimony and information relevant to its duties.

c. The task force shall meet no less than once each quarter to carry out the duties described in section three. The task force shall hold at least one public hearing before submitting the report required by section six.

d. The meeting requirement of subdivision c shall be suspended when the task force submits its report as required by section six.

§ 6. Report. a. No later than 250 days after the effective date of this local law, the task force shall submit

a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council setting forth its recommendations for legislation and policy relating to addressing challenges to the viability of the black car and livery industries. The report shall include a summary of information the task force considered in formulating its recommendations.

b. The chairperson of the New York city taxi and limousine commission shall publish the task force's report electronically on such commission's website no later than 30 days after its submission to the mayor and the speaker of the council.

§ 7. Agency support. The New York city taxi and limousine commission shall provide appropriate staff and resources to support the work of such agency related to the task force.

§ 8. Termination. The task force shall terminate 180 days after the date on which it submits its report, as required by section six.

§ 9. Effective date. This local law takes effect immediately.

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