

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2012**

No. 57

Introduced by Council Members Vacca, Arroyo, Brewer, Cabrera, Chin, Fidler, Gentile, Gonzalez, James, Koppell, Koslowitz, Mendez, Vann, Williams, Foster, Mark-Viverito, Garodnick, Barron, Jackson, Nelson, Rose, Levin, Lappin, Dromm, Rodriguez and Greenfield

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that taxicabs be accessible to people with vision impairments.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter five of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-538 to read as follows:

§ 19-538 *Vision impairment accessibility requirements. a. For the purposes of this section, “accessible to people with vision impairments” shall mean any taxicab that is equipped with instructions for contacting the commission in Braille and large-print text on the same side and in the same passenger compartment in each taxicab. If such taxicab has payment technology installed, such technology should be in the same passenger compartment in each taxicab, and should also provide a payment option, with the fare audibly announced and with audio instruction, to permit visually impaired passengers to pay unassisted, in such manner as provided for and adopted by the commission.*

b. Commencing May 1, 2013, all taxicabs must be accessible to people with vision impairments.

c. The commission may by rule establish greater levels of accessibility for taxicabs than

those required by this section.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York,
passed by the Council onNovember 27, 2012..... and approved by the Mayor
onDecember 12, 2012.....

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW § 27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law §27, I hereby certify that the enclosed local law
(Local Law No. 57 of 2012, Council Int. No. 599-A) contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have
been had or taken for the enactment of such local law.

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel.