

New York City Department of Transportation

Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? This proposed rule would amend sections 4-01 and 4-08 of Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York (“RCNY”) to update provisions relating to commercial vehicle markings to align with federal regulations and section 10-127 of the New York City Administrative Code, to allow for-hire vehicles to park in commercial parking meter areas pursuant to Local Law 24 of 2026, and to allow taxis to park in commercial parking meter areas pursuant to the Department of Transportation’s authority to regulate parking.

When and where is the hearing? The New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule online. The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 10:00am.

Join through Internet:

- To join the hearing via your browser, either click on the following URL link or copy and paste it into your browser’s address bar.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95946114824?pwd=2HZffB9uWaaOEXY4oQ1SkKlC8uRaiA.1>

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- Then follow the prompts.
- If you have low bandwidth or inconsistent Internet connection, we suggest you use the “Call-in” option for the hearing.

Join via phone only:

- To join the meeting only by phone, use the following information to connect:

Phone: 1-929-205-6099

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How do I comment on the proposed rules? Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to DOT through the NYC rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email comments to rules@dot.nyc.gov.
- **Mail.** You can mail comments to David Stein, Executive Director of Parking Planning and Policy, New York City Department of Transportation, 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041.

- **Fax.** You can fax comments to 212-839-9685.
- **By speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by emailing rules@dot.nyc.gov by August 31, 2026 and including your name and affiliation. While you will be given an opportunity during the hearing to indicate that you would like to provide comments, we prefer that you sign up in advance. You can speak for up to three minutes.

Is there a deadline to submit written comments? The deadline for written comments is 5pm on September 1, 2026.

Do you need assistance to participate in the hearing? You must tell the DOT Office of the General Counsel if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability during the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by e-mailing at rules@dot.nyc.gov. If you wish to receive a reasonable accommodation, you must do so by August 25, 2026.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. Copies of all comments submitted online, copies of all written comments, and a recording of the hearing may be requested by emailing rules@dot.nyc.gov.

What authorizes DOT to make this rule? Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter (City Charter) authorizes DOT to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was included in DOT's regulatory agenda.

Where can I find DOT's rules? DOT's rules are in Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What rules govern the rulemaking process? DOT must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

The Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation ("DOT") is authorized to promulgate rules regarding parking and traffic operations in the City pursuant to Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter. The rules that DOT is seeking to amend are contained within Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York ("Traffic Rules").

Local Law 80 of 2021, among other things, amended provisions in the New York City Administrative Code ("Administrative Code") governing commercial vehicle markings to align with federal requirements in section 390.21 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Pursuant to Local Law 80, section 10-127 of the Administrative Code no longer requires that the owner's address be displayed. The proposed rule would make conforming changes to implement this local law.

The proposed rule also amends the Traffic Rules to allow for-hire vehicles ("FHV's") to park in commercial parking meter areas pursuant to Local Law 24 of 2026 ("LL 24").

Additionally, the proposed rule would amend the Traffic Rules to also allow taxis to utilize commercial parking meter areas under the same regulations and policies as FHV's, pursuant to DOT's authority to regulate parking. Within the Central Business District (CBD)—where taxis predominantly operate—there are 55 taxi relief stands with 137 parking spaces for taxis and FHV's to utilize and 151 parking spaces for the exclusive use of taxis. LL 24 allows for-hire vehicles to park in 13,000 commercial metered spaces.

DOT is frequently asked to provide additional taxi relief stands. Allowing taxis to park in commercial parking meter areas to the same extent as FHV's would provide both segments of the industry with equal access to spaces at a much larger scale in locations where they are needed most. The inclusion of taxis would allow for fair and equitable access to these spaces for relief and breaks while also streamlining enforcement. Accordingly, DOT proposes to amend the Traffic Rules to allow taxis to utilize commercial parking meter areas in the same manner as FHV's.

Specifically, the proposed amendments would be as follows:

- The definition of “commercial vehicle” in section 4-01(b) would be amended to align with federal marking requirements relating to the display of the commercial vehicle operator name in Section 390.21 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- Section 4-08(k)(1) would be amended to align the existing unaltered commercial vehicle markings with the requirements set forth in the definition of “commercial vehicle.”
- Section 4-08(l)(3) would be amended to permit for-hire vehicles and taxis to park in commercial parking meter areas. This section would expire and be deemed repealed on July 16, 2028.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Asterisks (***) indicate unamended text.

Section 1. Clause (C) of subparagraph (i) of the definition of “commercial vehicle” in subdivision (b) of section 4-01 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(C) it displays the registrant's name [and address permanently affixed in characters at least three inches high on both sides of the vehicle, with such display being in a color contrasting with that of the vehicle and placed approximately midway vertically on doors or side panels] in accordance with Section 390.21 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

§ 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (k) of section 4-08 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(1) Parking of unaltered commercial vehicles prohibited. No person shall stand or park a vehicle with commercial plates in any location unless it [has been permanently altered with all seats and rear seat fittings, except the front seats, removed, except that for vehicles designed with a passenger cab and a cargo area separated by a partition, the seating capacity within the cab shall not be considered in determining whether the vehicle is properly altered, and has the name and address of the owner as shown

on the registration certificate plainly marked on both sides of the vehicle in letters and numerals not less than three inches in height, in compliance with § 10-127 of the Administrative Code and is also in compliance with paragraph (i) of the definition of] is a commercial vehicle as [set forth] defined in 34 RCNY § 4-01.

§ 3. Paragraph 3 of subdivision (l) of section 4-08 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iii) to read as follows:

(iii) For-hire vehicles and taxis in commercial parking meter areas. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, it shall be lawful to stand a for-hire vehicle or a taxi in any space on a block where signs are posted regulating the use of the curb by commercial vehicles, provided such space is controlled by a parking meter. The maximum time for such metered parking on a single block shall be a total of three hours, unless otherwise indicated by a posted sign. The provisions of subdivision (h) of this section shall apply to for-hire vehicles and taxis parked at a parking meter pursuant to this paragraph.

§ 4. Section 3 of this rule expires and is deemed repealed on July 16, 2028.