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Motor Vehicle Commission Puts Municipalities on Notice

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Last month LANJ informed the membership about concerns that Hoboken and Jersey City had passed ordinances which violated state law regarding per-vehicle charges for operators. In response to the LANJ inquiry, Raymond Martinez, chief administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), advised in a June 19 letter: "While the MVC is involved in many aspects of limousine operation, the MVC does not have sole statutory authority regarding the oversight of the operation of limousines. As required by N.J.S.A. 48:16-17 and N.J.S.A. 48:16-18.1, municipal authority to license limousine operation is determined by, and rests with, the locality where the limousine company maintains its principal place of business. As part of their statutory authority, the municipalities may require a licensing fee up to and including a maximum amount of \$50.00 per limousine service plus \$10.00 for each limousine covered under the insurance policy. (N.J.S.A. 48:16-17 and N.J.S.A. 48:16-18.1." This is an important letter that makes clear what a municipality may charge you in fees. We will have the letter posted on the LANJ website so that you can use it.

Port Authority and LANJ Have Fruitful Work Session

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On June 20, members of the LANJ board of directors, led by president Tim Rose, met with officials of the NYNJ Port Authority to discuss issues of mutual concern including: 1) resolution regarding the recent rash of first aid kit- and fire extinguisher-related tickets issued by a Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) officer; 2) the Port Authority's interest in working with LANJ regarding PAPD authority to seize illegal operators' vehicles when issuing a summons and to raise fines for certain violations; and 3) LANJ assistance should the Newark Liberty International Airport need to be evacuated in the case of emergency.

Growing Atlantic City Jitney Problem

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In response to Atlantic City jitneys providing door-to-door passenger service, transportation services for concerts, sporting events, weddings and other events and conducting interstate business in Pennsylvania without proper licensing and insurance required for the number of passengers their vehicles can hold (13) and with the question of CDL drivers arisen as well, LANJ is outraged at this developing problem and is lining up legislative sponsors and requesting a meeting with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the New Jersey Department of Transportation to put a stop to the practices which are in flagrant violation of state law.

LANJ Meets with Jersey City Mayor on Illegal Fee Structure

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On June 28 LANJ president Tim Rose, legislative chair Jeff Shanker, executive director Barry Lefkowitz and deputy executive director Peggy Catherine Baffoni met with Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy, his legal staff and director of licensing to discuss the recent Jersey City ordinance which permits a \$500/vehicle charge although state law permits only a \$10/vehicle charge. While it was apparent that the state law is on the side of operators, the mayor did ask for time to review the matter before issuing any new decision for his municipality. LANJ intends to set a similar meeting on the same issue with Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer in the near future. LANJ participants overall were pleased with the meeting.

For Your Special Attention: NYTLC Tax Notice

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Effective July 2, 2012, the New York Taxi & Limousine Commission (NYTLC) will collect the NYC Commercial Vehicle Tax in the amount of \$800 on all new and renewed for hire, paratransit and commuter van applications. Per the notice received by LANJ, "An Applicant, including an applicant for a renewal License, must pay the NYC Commercial Motor Vehicle Tax applicable to the Applicant's vehicle. If the Applicant has not made payment to the NYS DMV, the Applicant must pay the Commercial Motor Vehicle Tax to the Commission. An Applicant who has already paid the NYC Commercial Motor Vehicle Tax must provide proof of payment in the form of a copy of the New York State issued registration receipt."

Be proud to be an American! LANJ wishes all of you a Happy 4th of July!

LANJ Member Benefit: Solveras Payment Solutions

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LANJ is pleased to offer a cost-savings program with Solveras Payment Solutions, one of the leading payment processing experts for small-to-medium sized businesses. Solveras provides all LANJ members a free savings analysis of current credit processing rates. In addition to credit card processing, the company offers a wide array of solutions to help process electronic payments including e-check, remote deposit capture, web-based transactions, recurring payment plans and electronic invoicing. For more information, visit www.solveras.com.

More Value for You! Ituran USA, Inc.

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Even more value for you! Ituran's "manage it" service will allow you, the operation manager or owner of a limousine company, to know where your vehicles are at any given moment, track location, get speeding notifications, idling reports, passenger pick-ups and drop-offs, as well as save on fuel, eliminate unauthorized usage of the vehicle, protect your property and receive many more live notifications and reports. For details, see www.ituranusa.com and/or contact Efrat Bogoslavsky at (954) 328-8404 and ebogoslavsky@ituranusa.com.

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