



DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

To: Taxi Companies

From: Theodore Machado, Sealer of Weights & Measures

Subject: Testing of Taxi Meters

Date: July 3, 2012

Prior to sending taxi cabs for inspection, please check to see that the following requirements have been fulfilled. *The process of licensing a taxi is to first visit the office of the City Clerk, followed by the inspection of the taxi by the Department of Weights and Measures, followed again by the final approval of the City Clerk.*

1. *The City Clerk's receipt and vehicle registration must be presented prior to testing.*
2. Preliminary taxi information forms must be submitted with each vehicle, completely filled out.
3. The Class A number must be displayed in contrasting colors on the rear-right side of the vehicle in line with the medallion and on both the left and right sides of the vehicle.
Only the Class A number will be permitted to be displayed on the taxi with exceptions for the company address and the telephone numbers.
4. Rate card under plastic mounted in front seat.
5. Class A card under plastic mounted in front seat.
6. Rate card under plastic mounted in rear seat.
7. **Mounted:** Shall mean mechanically fastened, such as metal screws or rivets. *(Note the presence of an airbag and consider how it may deploy when mounting the required notices and meter. An exception for these concerns is the use of **Double Sided Tape for notices**)*
8. Hail light is lighted when taxi is vacant, and switched off when the meter is engaged.
9. Mounting brackets and sealing screws must match meter under test.
10. All meter displays are functioning properly. This includes numbers and vacant lights.
11. All fees will be due when taxi is approved and sealed.

Please be advised that all these requirements must be met prior to any inspection being conducted, if not, the taxi in question will be marked as NOT SEALED and prohibited for use. Anyone operating a taxi as a vehicle for hire prior to inspection or after it has been rejected will be issued a civil citation in the amount of \$375.00 as a non-Conforming device.