



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
NEWSLETTER

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**PTC Has Its Own Web Site**

At last, we have a web site. It may not be as fancy as some but, it does have a lot of good information. It will allow you access to the law, rules, applications, forms, and on and on. You can even contact us via the site. The web address is:

[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/ptc](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/ptc)

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**New Taxicab Rates**

At the September 14, 2005 PTC meeting, the newest set of Rules were approved and they contained some significant changes to the taxicab rates. The maximum drop rate increased to \$2.00 and the maximum per mile rate increased to \$2.25. The Commission removed the rule that allowed charging for extra luggage (\$.50) and extra passengers (\$.50). There are no more rates for charging extra for anything at this time. The \$20 flat rate to and from the airport did not change. Drivers should be cautioned that using the meter instead of the \$20 flat rate, as described in the rules and on the map, is a citable offense (\$50).

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**Next PTC Meetings**

- January 11, 2005 - 9:00 a.m.
- February 8, 2005 - 9:00 a.m.
- March 8, 2005 - 9:00 a.m.
- April 12, 2005 - 9:00 a.m.

**Annual Inspections Nearing End**

We are in the final stages of completing the annual inspections for all vehicles we regulate. As a reminder, those vehicles that have not been inspected by December 30, 2005 will be suspended until the inspection is complete.

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**Next Round of Rule Changes**

Even though the last set of Rule changes were approved on September 14, 2005, we are already in the process of considering rule changes once again. Some rules that we have been asked to examine:

1. The 1 per 2000 taxicab permit cap
2. The minimum limousine rates
3. The \$10 airport taxicab minimum
4. The \$20 flat rate to/from the airport
5. Luxury taxicab cruise light language

We will be scheduling workshops to discuss these rules and proposed changes. More to be posted on our web site: [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/ptc](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/ptc)

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***Merry Christmas***

***And a***

***Happy New Year***



**Gregory B. Cox**

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