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Tax Collector to Assess Drivers for Business Tax

The San Francisco Tax Collector has determined that cab drivers working as independent contractors are required to pay the Business Tax. Drivers will qualify for the lowest business tax level, which is \$25 per year. A spokesperson for the Tax Collector told the Taxi Commission at its November 14 meeting that notices will be sent to all drivers soon. Back taxes for previous years will not be sought. 🚗

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Exchange Trading of Taxicab Medallions Debuts in Australia

The BSX Taxi Market system, an electronic trading platform for Melbourne taxicab licences, went into operation March 28.

“Having a formal and independent market for metropolitan taxi licences will help bring greater transparency to the way they are transferred or assigned and also provide greater certainty for buyers,” said Transport Minister Peter Batchelor.

In addition to sales, medallion leases must also be handled by a licensed broker. For more on this first-in-the-world system, see the BSX website at:
www.bsxtaximarket.com.au 🚗

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MHA Dispatches

Letter Sent by Commission

In February the Taxi Commission passed a resolution limiting medallion holder variance from driving requirements. We feel that the policy violates federal disability law and are likely to litigate the issue.

Recently, the Commission sent letters to some medallion holders advising them of expiration dates for their disability protections. If you received such a letter, please send a copy to MHA at the address in the lower left of this page. It will be useful as we prepare to defend our rights, even if you choose to delete identifying information such as your name.

PC&N Hearing in February

The annual Public Convenience and Necessity hearing is scheduled for February 2007. Mayor Gavin Newsom, in his October State of the City address, said that the City needs more cabs.



J. Francisco Taxicab?

Dozens of cabs not licensed to work in San Francisco nonetheless mimic the look and signage of legal taxis. The non-SF cab in the picture closely resembles a Yellow Cab Co-op vehicle, but is not. Illegal operators have proven to be a danger to passengers in other cities. But “gypsy cabs” in San Francisco face little risk of prosecution due to understaffing in the Taxi Detail. 🚗