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Memorandum

To: All Cambridge Medallion Owners, Managers, Lessors, Dispatch Associations and Interested Parties

C.C.: Chairman Michael P. Gardner; Commissioner Robert P. Haas; Commissioner Gerald C. Reardon; Hackney Officer Benny Szeto; Corey R. Pilz, License Commission/Consumer Division

From: Elizabeth Y. Lint, Executive Director

Date: October 31, 2012

RE: Directive Regarding Processing and Administrative Fees for Elderly/Disability Discount Coupons

The License Commission has been asked to provide its opinion relative to the assessment of both administrative fees and processing fees for Elderly and Disability Discount Coupons, which are issued by the License Commission in collaboration with the Council on Aging and Commission for Persons with Disabilities. As you know, the acceptance of such discount coupons is required pursuant to *ARTICLE XIII, Rule 10* of the Cambridge Taxicab Rules and Regulations ("Rules and Regulations"). It appears that some parties consider the discount coupons to be comparable to a regular voucher; however, it is important to note that these are defined separately by the Rules and Regulations in comparison to other transactions. Thus, the License Commission issues the following Directive in accordance with *ARTICLE XVI, Rule 3* of the Rules and Regulations:

No monetary fees of any kind may be charged to a medallion owner, manager, lessor or taxicab driver who attempts to redeem an Elderly/Disability discount coupon at a dispatch association that holds a processing contract with the City of Cambridge.

This Directive is effective immediately.

The funding source that supports the Elderly/ Disability discount coupon program is directly derived from a portion of hackney license fees collected each year. Being able to redeem these coupons for face-value is a way of returning these fees directly to the industry to help support your work.

Please do not hesitate to contact Corey R. Pilz with any questions or concerns regarding this directive. He can be reached at 617.349.6154 or cpilz@cambridgema.gov.

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