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**County**  
**City of Port Chester, New York**  
**Town**  
**Village**

**Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the year 2010**

**A local law amending the CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER, CHAPTER 295, SECTIONS 295-13 and 295-20.**

**Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the  
(Name of Legislative Body)**

**County**  
**City of Port Chester, New York as follows:**  
**Town**  
**Village**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 295 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER PROVIDING FOR FINAL INTERIM REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING OF VEHICLES AND COMPANY DISPATCHING**

SECTION 1: This local law shall be entitled “A Local Law Providing for Final Interim Regulations with Regard to Chapter 295 of the Code of the Village of Port Chester Involving Licensing of Vehicles and Company Dispatching”.

SECTION 2. Background and legislative intent.

In 2007, the Board of Trustees proactively identified taxi reform as a priority policy initiative, finding that existing local legislation with regard to the subject of taxicabs and drivers is lacking to assure public safety, protect the riding public, and enable the Village to redeploy scarce staff resources to focus on essential government functions.

To accomplish such goals of taxi reform, the Board has undertaken a multi-step, publicly inclusive process to respect all of the stakeholders and the general public. Specifically, the Board empowered the Taxi Commission, established a stakeholder-based Strategic Taxi Review Advisory Committee, and retained a specialized resource, IZS Consult (IZS), to comprehensively evaluate the Village's taxi regulations in order to provide, with reasoned support, any recommended change direction in this important area of existing Village regulation.

Based on the outcome of the comprehensive IZS evaluation, the Board has increased the number of taxi stands and transferred licensing of taxi drivers from the Village Clerk's Office in favor of the Westchester County Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), which has been a notable success.

Recognizing the limitations posed by the existing regulatory environment, IZS's Final Report also recommended that the Village of Port Chester strengthen their regulations regarding taxi vehicles and dispatch companies to protect the public safety, and further recommended to incrementally phase out the existing caps for the number of taxi dispatch companies within eighteen-months; and to phase out the existing caps for the number of taxi vehicle licenses within a two-year period.

IZS has also been engaged to undertake an additional analysis with respect to taxi fares to determine their impact on taxi drivers.

Pursuant to Local Law No. 16 of 2009, the licensing period for taxicab licenses and taxi dispatch company licenses was extended to April 30, 2010, at a pro-rated license fee. The Board of Trustees found that a final interim licensing period was appropriate to finalize and implement the remaining licensing changes with regard to taxi vehicles and dispatch companies. In addition, the Board found that the prescribed period herein was reasonable in term to begin a phased and orderly transition.

Notwithstanding, the Board is mindful of pending litigation between the Village of Port Chester and the licensed dispatching companies which may affect the Village's reform efforts. The Board determines that a further extension is prudent.

#### SECTION 2: Existing taxicab licensees extended

Existing and any new taxicab licenses issued pursuant to Section 295-13 are hereby extended and shall expire on September 30, 2010 at a prorated license fee,

#### SECTION 3: Existing company dispatching licenses extended

Existing taxi dispatch company licenses issued pursuant to Section 295-20 are hereby extended and shall expire on September 30, 2010 at a prorated license fee.

**SECTION 4: Supersession**

This local law shall supercede any applicable provisions of Chapter 295 to assure the intentions of the Board of Trustees a stated hereinabove.

**SECTION 5: Effective Date**

This local law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.