VILLAGE OF MONROE LOCAL LAW NO. 22 OF 2023 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 182, TAXICABS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe, Orange County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purposes.

The Village Board of Trustees in consultation with the Chief of Police finds and determines that Chapter 182, which regulates taxi licenses and drivers in the Village, should include specific insurance requirements contained in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law to further address the health and safety of the traveling public and Village residents.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws contained in the New York State Constitution and Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. Chapter 182, "Taxicabs."

Subsection § 182-1, titled, "Definitions," shall be amended as follows (added text underlined):

TAXICAB

Every motor vehicle, other than a bus, used in the business of transporting passengers for compensation, and operated in such business under a license or permit issued by a local authority. Any motor vehicle having a seating capacity of not more than seven persons in addition to the driver, engaged in the business of carrying persons for compensation whether the same be operated from a street stand or subject to calls from a garage or otherwise operated for compensation, except vehicles subject to the provisions of the Public Service Law, or used by undertakers in carrying on their undertaking business. However, it shall not include vehicles which are rented or leased without a driver.

Section § 182-8, titled, "Application for a taxicab license," subparagraph (A)[h], titled, "Proof of Insurance," shall be amended to reference the insurance requirements under New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 370 as follows (added text underlined):

[h] Proof of insurance. No vehicle shall be licensed as a taxicab hereunder unless it has a "for hire" insurance policy or corporate surety bond in effect pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 370. No vehicle shall be licensed as a taxicab hereunder unless it is insured by a public policy for damages for death or injuries to persons in the amount provided in the laws, rules and regulations established by the

State of New York as the minimum required of any vehicle operated as a taxicab. Failure to provide said proof shall render the application incomplete.

Section 182-10, titled, "General duties and requirements for owners of licensed vehicles," subsection R shall be amended to reference the insurance requirements under New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 370 as follows (added text underlined):

R. Maintain proper vehicle insurance for all owned or operated taxis in accordance with the New York State Motor Vehicle Law § 370 and shall report a revocation or cancellation of insurance immediately to the licensing official.

Section 182-18, subsection E, titled, "Suspension and revocation of license," shall be amended as follows (added text underlined):

E. Suspension and revocation of license. In addition to the fine or imprisonment, or both, authorized by this chapter, any licensee convicted of an offense under any provision of this chapter shall have his taxicab driver's license suspended for a period of no less than three months. Upon a second conviction within 12 months from the first conviction shall have his license suspended for a period of no less than 6 month, and for a third conviction within 12 months from the first conviction shall have his license revoked. shall be subject to the suspension or revocation of his license upon conviction for any violation of this chapter. The Village Justice Court may order a license granted under any provision of this chapter be suspended or revoked, pending or in advance of criminal prosecution of the licensee.

Section 4. Superseding provision.

To the extent that any State or local laws fail to provide specific authority for this Local Law or the procedures necessary for its adoption, or otherwise appear to be in conflict with this Local Law or the procedures followed for its adoption, then such laws are hereby superseded by this Local Law pursuant to New York Municipal Home Rule Law and the common law.

Section 5. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective date.

This law shall take effect upon the filing of this Local Law with the New York Secretary of State.