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Petition for Taxicab Rate of Fare Increase

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**To: The Office of the City Clerk
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Please introduce the following proposals and petition for a Chicago taxicab fare increase to the city council at the next council meeting.

Besdt Regards

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Section 1. The Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the underscored and deleting the strike outs, as follows:

RULE 1.03 Public Chauffeur Training Course.

All new applicants must complete an approved Public Chauffeur Training Course for a duration of no less than 120 days.

9-64-140 Common-carrier vehicle stops and stands.

- (a) The commissioner of transportation is authorized to establish bus stops upon 20-day prior notice to the alderman of the ward in which the bus stop is to be located and, subject to the approval of the city council, is authorized to establish horse-drawn carriage stands, bus stands, taxicab stands and stands for other passenger common-carrier motor vehicles on such public streets and in such number as shall be determined to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public, and every such stop or stand shall be designated by appropriate signs or curb markings or both. The commissioner of transportation is authorized to determine, upon 20-day prior notice to the alderman of the affected ward, those locations within the central business district, south of the south line of West Kinzie Street between Halsted Street and the Chicago River, and south of the south bank of the Chicago River between West Kinzie Street and Lake Michigan, where the restriction on parking at any such stop sign or stand shall be modified to limit the prohibition on parking of unauthorized vehicles to Mondays through Fridays or Mondays through Saturdays.

(Omitted text from ordinance is unaffected by this Amendment)

(c) Cab stands shall be established and remain at; the northwest curbside of Addison Street, adjacent to Wrigley Field (allowing space for 15 taxicabs), the north side of Madison Avenue at 500 W. Madison directly in front of the Northwestern Train Station entrance (allowing space for 10 taxicabs), at the south side entrance of the United Center located at 1901 W. Madison Avenue (allowing space for 20 taxicabs), at Soldier Field (allowing space for 20 taxicabs), at the south side of 35th Street U.S. Cellular Field located at 333 West 35th Street (allowing space for 25 taxicabs), at the north side of Illinois Street adjacent to the entrance of AMC Theatres located at 322 East Illinois Street(allowing space for 5 taxicabs)

RULE 11.06* Non-cash Payment of Taxicab Fares.

a. Chauffeurs are required to accept as payment for taxicab fares all

legal tender including but not limited to credit cards, without surcharge.

b. If a non-cash means of payment is used:

1. No surcharge may be imposed upon the use of a non-cash means of payment so that the total charge exceeds the legal rate of fare;

2. No minimum charge may be imposed for the use of a non-cash means of payment to pay a fare; and

3. No service may be refused to any person desiring to use a non-cash means of payment on the grounds that a trip will not exceed a minimum length or generate a minimum fare.

c. Chauffeurs shall safeguard all financial information and remove credit card receipts at the end of each shift.

d. All taxicabs operating at the airports must be equipped to accept credit card payment. An owner-operator who does not accept credit card payment can not pick up passengers at the airports.

(Omitted text from ordinance is unaffected by this Amendment)

9-112-145 Lease rate regulations.

(a) In addition to the rules and regulations otherwise provided for in this section, the commissioner shall, subject to the limitations provided in this section, establish by rule the maximum rates that must include all expenses at; \$575.00 per weekly 24hr. leases, \$325.00 per 12hr. weekly lease, \$80 per 24hr. daily lease and \$50 per daily 12hr. shift. ~~that a lessor may charge for the rental of a taxicab, including, to the extent permitted by law, rates for goods and services provided by the lessor in connection with such rental. The maximum rates shall be established at an amount determined by the commissioner to: (1) enable the lessor to receive adequate revenues to pay the lessor's reasonable expenses and receive a just and reasonable rate of return on the lessor's investment; and (2) provide for safe and adequate taxicab service within the city by providing lessees with an opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable income. In establishing such rates, the commissioner shall consider: (1) vehicle, equipment and license costs; (2) asset depreciation; (3) the costs of insurance, operation and maintenance, uninsured repairs, wages and salaries, garage storage, taxes, fees, radio dispatching and administration, as well as all other periodic expenses paid by the lessor; (4) the extent to which the lessor or persons who have invested in the lessor also have investments in other persons or entities who may benefit directly or indirectly from the lease; and (5) such other factors that the commissioner considers appropriate to further the purposes of this chapter.~~

(b) No lease rate limitations shall be effective until the commissioner has conducted a public hearing on the proposed maximum lease rates upon the application of not less the one-third of the licensees. This public hearing must be held within 90 days of the implementation of an increase in the taxicab rates of fare. At least seven 21 business days before the public hearing, the commissioner shall publish in a newspaper of

general circulation within the city a notice of the time, date, place and subject matter of the hearing. The commissioner shall also provide such notice to one or more taxicab industry trade publications of general circulation on same date public notice is given. At the hearing, all interested persons shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(c) The commissioner shall review periodically the maximum lease rates then in effect to ensure that such rates are consistent with the objectives expressed in this section. ~~However, the commissioner may not revise the lease rate limitations in effect under this section more than once within any 12 month period unless the commissioner determines that extraordinary circumstances require the revision for the purposes of this section~~

(Omitted text from ordinance is unaffected by this Amendment)

9-112-380 Number of available licenses – Distribution.

(a) In each calendar year, an additional two taxicab licenses shall be distributed pursuant to the “driver excellence” program established under subsection (b)(2). Additional taxicab licenses as determined necessary by the commissioner, plus any other available taxicab licenses, shall be distributed periodically pursuant to ~~open and competitive~~ equal opportunity bidding procedures established under subsection (c).

As used in this section, the term “available licenses” means all licenses which may be issued under this subsection (a), including any licenses that are available for reissuance because they have been canceled, surrendered, not renewed, or revoked with no timely appeal or other legal challenge pending, but not including licenses which are retained or renewed in accordance with Section 9-112-320(c).

(b) (1) The commissioner shall apply the standards and requirements for determining whether a taxicab or livery license applicant is qualified to obtain a license under this chapter in a manner which is reasonable and consistent with the purpose of making taxicab and livery licenses available to as many qualified applicants as practicable, subject to the retention and renewal rights established in this chapter.

- a. Each person awarded licenses pursuant to this subsection shall ~~maintain at least 50 percent of his licensed vehicles as being equipped for wheelchair access pursuant to standards established by the commissioner;~~ be a veteran driver of a minimum of twenty years, having served the City of Chicago.

(Omitted text from ordinance is unaffected by this Amendment)

d. ~~For each day that a vehicle licensed under this subsection (b)(3) is in service, the vehicle shall provide service to the disabled and undeserved communities not less than 40 percent of the time the vehicle is in service;~~

(2) In each calendar year two taxicab licenses shall be awarded: one to the person who has demonstrated, through their actions as licensed public chauffeurs in the previous calendar year, the greatest dedication to providing to the public excellent taxicab service within the city; and one to the public chauffeur who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to improving the excellence of other drivers through their participation in master chauffeur training programs for new drivers. These licenses shall be awarded by the mayor pursuant to the recommendations of the taxicab driver excellence committee, which is hereby created. The committee shall consist of not more than eight persons appointed by the mayor representing: the hotel/motel industry; the restaurant industry; the tourism industry; the disabled community; persons needing wheelchair accessible vehicles for transportation; neighborhood community groups; the taxicab industry; and the general public at large. Members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The commissioner shall serve ex officio as chair of the committee.

~~(c) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to set forth procedures by which all available taxicab licenses, other than those awarded pursuant to subsection (b)(2), shall be distributed periodically pursuant to open and competitive bidding procedures. The Commissioner will determine total amount of active taxicab licenses to operate by percentage of the population of the riding public in the city of Chicago, the amount of active licenses shall not exceed that percentage. The procedures shall be designed to produce the maximum amount of revenues to the city consistent with serving the public interest, and to ensure that only applicants that are qualified under this chapter are awarded licenses. The Commissioner shall establish a cap on active taxicab licenses. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, at least fifty percent of all taxicab licenses in any open and competitive bidding procedure pursuant to section (a) shall be designated as "Driver Medallions" to be made available exclusively to public chauffeurs who have held a city of Chicago public chauffeur's license for not less than one year and who do not own or have a controlling interest in a Driver Medallion at the inception of bidding procedure. Driver Medallions are to be operated only by the acquiring licensee, the licensee's spouse or a naturally or legally adopted child of the licensee. Driver Medallions may not be transferred except to other public chauffeurs who fit the criteria herein. In the event that not all Driver Medallions are purchased in a given open and competitive bidding process, such licenses shall be held over and added to Driver Medallions reserved for public chauffeurs in subsequent open and competitive bidding procedures.~~

9-112-510 Taxicab rates of fare--Revision.

(a) Commencing with the effective date of this ordinance, the rates of fare for taxicabs shall be as set forth in this section, which rates are hereby declared to be just and reasonable:

For the first 1/7 mile or fraction thereof . . . ~~2.25~~ 2.75

Forty-five cents of this initial mileage rate for the first ten taxicab fares which a driver transports per day is hereby designated for payment of workers' compensation insurance.

For each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof . . . ~~0.20~~ 0.30

For each 35 seconds of time elapsed . . . ~~0.20~~ 0.30

~~For the first additional passenger over the age of 12 years and under the age of 65 years . . . 1.00~~

~~For each additional passenger, after the first additional passenger, over the age of 12 and under the age of 65 years . . . 0.50~~ 1.00

For each additional trip, to and/or from McCormick Place Convention Center, . . . 1.00

For each credit card transaction, passenger shall be charged, . . . 1.50 convenience fee

For any incident of vomit or other extraordinary messes, the passenger(s) shall be charged, . . . \$75.00

For any incident of fraudulent credit transaction, the passenger(s) shall be charged, . . . a \$50.00 fee

Elk Grove Village shall be charged at the rate of meter and a half

~~Effective March 1, 2001, the commissioner is authorized to issue rules and regulations necessary to regulate the payment of fares by alternatives to cash, including but not limited to, credit cards, debit cards, cyber cash and other generally acceptable means of purchasing goods and services. The commissioner may authorize by rule the production and sale of coupons which shall be accepted in all taxicabs licensed under this chapter. The commissioner may also require the acceptance of debit cards issued by the C.T.A. or other governmental agencies as payment for fares. Such rules may also provide the maximum amount charged to the chauffeur, directly or indirectly, by any taxicab licensee or affiliation in processing any non-cash payment of a fare.~~

(Omitted text from ordinance is unaffected by this Amendment)

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.





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Summary Taxi Rates for US Cities

The ranking is based on "sample fares", which is calculated from a hypothetical trip of a certain distance and duration. The chart currently indicates that San Francisco may be the most expensive city for taking a taxicab.

The chart is as of 11/21/2011 for reference only. TaxiFareFinder does not guarantee the status or accuracy of the figures. Please also note that some of the taxi rates are estimated, especially in cases where the rates are not regulated by the city ordinances and may vary by company.

Note: Surcharges are not included.

Major US Cities - Ranking by Sample Fares			
City Name	Sample Fare	Initial Charge	Per Mile Charge
1. San Francisco, CA	\$21.28	\$3.50	\$2.75
2. Los Angeles, CA	\$20.22	\$2.85	\$2.70
3. Boston, MA	\$19.12	\$2.60	\$2.80
4. Las Vegas, NV	\$19.10	\$3.30	\$2.60
5. Honolulu, HI	\$18.95	\$3.10	\$2.40
6. Kansas City, MO	\$18.46	\$2.50	\$2.10
7. Milwaukee, WI	\$17.98	\$2.75	\$2.50
8. Portland, OR	\$17.75	\$2.50	\$2.50
9. Orlando, FL	\$17.45	\$3.85	\$2.40
10. San Diego, CA	\$16.81	\$2.40	\$2.60
11. Minneapolis, MN	\$16.79	\$2.50	\$2.50
12. Philadelphia, PA	\$16.73	\$2.70	\$2.30
13. Seattle, WA	\$16.30	\$2.50	\$2.00
14. Miami, FL	\$16.30	\$2.50	\$2.40
15. New York, NY	\$16.10	\$2.50	\$2.00
16. Phoenix, AZ	\$16.04	\$2.50	\$2.00
17. Cleveland, OH	\$15.17	\$2.75	\$2.24
18. New Orleans, LA	\$15.13	\$3.50	\$2.00
19. Atlanta, GA	\$15.05	\$2.50	\$2.00
20. Denver, CO	\$14.63	\$2.50	\$2.25
21. Cincinnati, OH	\$14.52	\$3.60	\$1.60
22. Salt Lake City, UT	\$14.37	\$2.25	\$2.20
23. Indianapolis, IN	\$14.20	\$3.00	\$2.00
24. Houston, TX	\$13.03	\$2.50	\$1.87
25. Baltimore, MD	\$13.00	\$2.00	\$1.80
26. Chicago, IL	\$12.72	\$2.25	\$1.80
27. Dallas, TX	\$12.55	\$2.25	\$1.80
28. Nashville, TN	\$12.50	\$3.00	\$2.00
29. Washington, DC	\$12.25	\$3.00	\$1.50
30. Pittsburgh, PA	\$12.25	\$2.25	\$1.75
31. St. Louis, MO	\$11.80	\$2.00	\$2.00
32. Detroit, MI	\$11.54	\$2.50	\$1.60

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City Name	Sample Fare
1. Cambridge, MA	\$22.28
2. San Jose, CA	\$22.20
3. San Francisco, CA	\$21.28
4. Sacramento, CA	\$21.20
5. Buffalo, NY	\$20.30
6. Los Angeles, CA	\$20.22
7. Lincoln, NE	\$19.89
8. Anaheim, CA	\$19.38
9. Long Beach, CA	\$19.21
10. Boston, MA	\$19.12
11. Las Vegas, NV	\$19.10
12. Oakland, CA	\$18.99
13. Honolulu, HI	\$18.95
14. Santa Ana, CA	\$18.63

<u>15. Kansas City, MO</u>	\$18.46
<u>16. Orange County, CA</u>	\$18.13
<u>17. Milwaukee, WI</u>	\$17.98
<u>18. Madison, WI</u>	\$17.80
<u>19. Portland, OR</u>	\$17.75
<u>20. Orlando, FL</u>	\$17.45
<u>21. Fresno, CA</u>	\$17.41
<u>22. Charlotte, NC</u>	\$17.00
<u>23. Pomona, CA</u>	\$16.85
<u>24. San Diego, CA</u>	\$16.81
<u>25. Minneapolis, MN</u>	\$16.79
<u>26. Lexington, KY</u>	\$16.75
<u>27. San Antonio, TX</u>	\$16.74
<u>28. Philadelphia, PA</u>	\$16.73
<u>29. Seattle, WA</u>	\$16.30
<u>30. Miami, FL</u>	\$16.30
<u>31. Jersey City, NJ</u>	\$16.10
<u>32. New York, NY</u>	\$16.10
<u>33. Phoenix, AZ</u>	\$16.04
<u>34. Irvine, CA</u>	\$15.85
<u>35. Ann Arbor, MI</u>	\$15.84
<u>36. Raleigh, NC</u>	\$15.70
<u>37. El Paso, TX</u>	\$15.45
<u>38. Newark, NJ</u>	\$15.30
<u>39. Toledo, OH</u>	\$15.27
<u>40. Colorado Springs, CO</u>	\$15.20
<u>41. Cleveland, OH</u>	\$15.17
<u>42. New Orleans, LA</u>	\$15.13
<u>43. Plano, TX</u>	\$15.13
<u>44. Atlanta, GA</u>	\$15.05
<u>45. Durham, NC</u>	\$14.98
<u>46. Tampa, FL</u>	\$14.90
<u>47. Columbus, OH</u>	\$14.88
<u>48. Omaha, NE</u>	\$14.75
<u>49. Denver, CO</u>	\$14.63
<u>50. Cincinnati, OH</u>	\$14.52
<u>51. Anchorage, AK</u>	\$14.52
<u>52. Memphis, TN</u>	\$14.45
<u>53. Salt Lake City, UT</u>	\$14.37
<u>54. Albuquerque, NM</u>	\$14.35
<u>55. Birmingham, AL</u>	\$14.30
<u>56. Indianapolis, IN</u>	\$14.20
<u>57. San Juan, Puerto Rico</u>	\$14.15
<u>58. Tucson, AZ</u>	\$13.85
<u>59. Scottsdale, AZ</u>	\$13.70
<u>60. Baton Rouge, LA</u>	\$13.40
<u>61. St. Paul, MN</u>	\$13.30
<u>62. Louisville, KY</u>	\$13.25
<u>63. Fort Worth, TX</u>	\$13.15
<u>64. Oklahoma City, OK</u>	\$13.10
<u>65. Houston, TX</u>	\$13.03
<u>66. Baltimore, MD</u>	\$13.00
<u>67. Jacksonville, FL</u>	\$12.80
<u>68. Chicago, IL</u>	\$12.72
<u>69. Dallas, TX</u>	\$12.55
<u>70. Nashville, TN</u>	\$12.50
<u>71. Washington, DC</u>	\$12.25
<u>72. Pittsburgh, PA</u>	\$12.25
<u>73. Wichita, KS</u>	\$12.00
<u>74. St. Louis, MO</u>	\$11.80
<u>75. Detroit, MI</u>	\$11.54
<u>76. Tulsa, OK</u>	\$11.08

