

# THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

In re: The Philadelphia Parking Authority :  
Taxicab and Limousine Division : Authority Board Order No. 08-000 5  
Penalty Schedule Amendment :

## ORDER

AND NOW, this 24th day of November, 2008, this Order of The Philadelphia Parking Authority's Board is issued and made effective for all violations occurring after December 1, 2008.

### Section 1. Background and Intent.

This Board approved a new Penalty Schedule applicable to the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Industries on July 29, 2008.

The existing Penalty Schedule includes a penalty applicable to taxicab drivers for failing to accept payment by credit card. That payment method is required by the Authority and despite protracted and repeated training and education programs put in place by both the Taxicab and Limousine Division ("TLD") and the drivers' associations, wide spread refusals to accept payment by credit card persist.

Almost half of the 202 citizen complaints to the TLD this year have related to the refusal of taxicab drivers to accept credit card payments. A large amount of TLD resources are being expended on this one issue. The existing penalties applicable to these violations have proven insufficient; therefore, the Board orders that the three violations in the Penalty Order titled:

1. Inhibit, prevent, refuse use of Credit Card;
2. Use of unauthorized Credit Card processing system; and
3. Refuse service based on intended Credit Card use

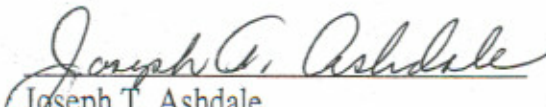
be re-designated "Class A" violations and that the penalty applicable to each violation be \$500.00 for a first offense (Penalty 1) and \$1,000.00 for a second and third offense (Penalty 2 and 3) with a 30 day suspension from service for both the second and third offense.

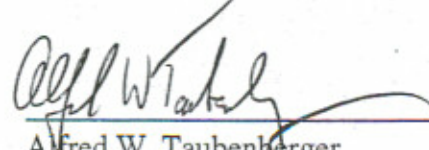
### Section 3. Notice.

The Taxicab and Limousine Division is hereby ORDERED to provide all due and required notice of the issuance of this Order.

THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING  
AUTHORITY

ATTEST:

  
Joseph T. Ashdale  
Chairman

  
Alfred W. Taubenberger  
Vice-Chairman