

THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

In Re: Petition for Changes to Taxicab : Docket No. 17-005
Tariff :
:

ORDER

BY THE AUTHORITY:

The Authority is the sole regulator of all taxicab and limousine service in Philadelphia.¹ The Authority is empowered to conduct rate investigations and determine the uniform rate that shall be charged by all taxicabs authorized to provide call or demand service in Philadelphia.²

On March 31, 2017, the Authority authorized the Taxicab and Limousine Division (“TLD”) to reopen a rate investigation to gather information and comment concerning the petition that was filed with the TLD seeking certain specific amendments to the taxicab tariff.³ After repeated notices were issued by the TLD seeking written comments from the taxicab and limousine industry members, the general public and the Taxicab and Limousine Advisory Committee, and having held a public meeting, and upon review of all information received and investigated, the TLD submitted a recommendation to amend the taxicab tariff as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of the Authority as follows:

Section 1. Metered Rates

(a) Upon review of the recommendation of TLD staff, mileage and waiting time increments in the taxicab tariff schedule of rates are amended as follows:⁴

Each additional 1/10 mile or fraction thereof	\$0.25
Waiting time – each 37.6 seconds under 10-11 MPH	\$0.25

¹ See the act of July 16, 2004, (P.L. 758, No. 94), 53 Pa.C.S. §§5701 *et seq.*, as amended, (the “Act”)

² See 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 5703 and 5720 (relating to rates, wages).

³ See TLD Docket No. P-17-02-01 Petition for Rate Change, filed by taxicab driver Ronald Blount on February 24, 2017.

⁴ The current mileage and waiting time increments is \$0.23.

- (b) The changes to the mileage and waiting time increments shall be effective on September 1, 2017.
- (c) All other rates outlined in the taxicab tariff remain unchanged. An updated taxicab tariff reflecting the new schedule of rates is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".


Section 2. Action by all Taxicab Owners

- (a) All owners of taxicabs under the jurisdiction of the Authority shall make immediate arrangements with the meter technology vendor of each taxicab for adjustments to the meter concerning this rate change.
- (b) Immediately upon compliance with subsection (a), the taxicab vehicle shall be presented to the TLD for a meter inspection and a seal in accordance with the schedule issued by the TLD pursuant to Section 3. (b) of this Order.

Section 3. Action by Taxicab and Limousine Division.

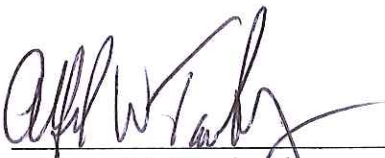
- (a) The TLD staff shall ascertain that the new taxicab rates as outlined in Section 1. of this Order are posted in all medallion taxicabs.
- (b) The TLD shall issue a schedule upon which each taxicab under the jurisdiction of the Authority shall be presented to the TLD for a meter inspection and seal.
- (c) The TLD staff shall broadcast this Order to all members of the taxicab and limousine industry by email as well as posting it on the Authority's website and within TLD Headquarters along with depositing this Order with the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for publishing.

**THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING
AUTHORITY**



Joseph T. Ashdale
Chairman
(SEAL)

Certified:



Alfred W. Taubenberger
Vice-Chairman/Secretary
(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: July 26, 2017
ORDER ENTERED: July 26, 2017

Exhibit “A”

APPENDIX SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ALL PHILADELPHIA TAXICABS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Applicable for the transportation of persons and their baggage in any taxicab providing service under the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Parking Authority

Section 1. Metered Rate

- First 1/10 mile (flag drop) or fraction thereof: \$2.70
- Each additional 1/10 mile or fraction thereof: \$0.25
- Each 37.6 seconds of wait time under 10-11 MPH: \$0.25

* Tips are not included in the fare.

* Fares are per cab, not per person.

* Applies to all trips except for flat rate trips defined in Section 2.

* Tolls are to be paid by the customer to cover round-trips. Tolls that are charged one-way such as the bridges to New Jersey must be paid regardless of the direction of travel. Tolls that are charged each way such as turnpike tolls shall be doubled to compensate the driver for the return trip.

* There is no additional charge for handling baggage or other items that can be safely carried in the vehicle.

Section 2. Flat Rate Trips Between the Center City Zone and the Airport

Flat Rate Zone Boundaries

The flat rate is charged in lieu of the metered rate by all Medallion Taxicabs for trips between the Philadelphia International Airport and the Center City Zone. Effective July 1, 2017, as expanded by Authority Order 17-004, the Flat Rate Zone is defined as the area between the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers and between Washington Avenue on the south and Fairmount Avenue on the north. West of the Schuylkill River, the northern boundary continues west along the north side of 30th Street Station on 2900 Arch Street then southward on 30th Street to its intersection with Market Street. The boundary proceeds west along the north side of Market Street to 48th Street, south on 48th Street to Spruce Street and east on Spruce Street to its intersection with South Street.

Flat Rate Zone Trip Rates

Flat Rate from the Center City Zone to the Airport: \$28.50 per one way trip regardless of the number of passengers.

Flat Rate from the Airport to the Center City Zone: \$28.50 per one way trip for one (1) passenger. A \$1.00 per passenger surcharge for each additional passenger after the first will be added to the meter after the flat rate fee is engaged on the meter by the driver after leaving the Airport. This applies only to passengers over the age of twelve (12). If the trip necessitates a drop-off at more than one destination in the Center City Zone, the

following applies: the flat rate and all additional per passenger surcharges of \$1.00 each are to be collected upon departure of the first passenger in the Center City Zone. The driver will then reset the meter initiating a new flag drop using the standard meter rates above for each of the remaining passengers if each requires a separate drop-off.

Section 3. Airport Egress Fee & Minimum Airport Fares

- The \$1.50 Airport egress fee shall be added to all metered fares leaving the Philadelphia International Airport.
- The minimum fare that will include the egress fee for any trip starting at an airport taxicab stand shall be \$11.00.
- The Airport egress fee will not be added to any trip that is being charged the flat-rate to the Center City Zone as defined in Section 2.

Section 4. Fuel Surcharge

On April 23, 2012, the Authority Board approved a measure implementing a fuel surcharge system for all Philadelphia taxicabs and airport transfer service (a classification of limousine service). The surcharge system allows for the fuel surcharge to change monthly based on fluctuating gas prices as described in the April 23, 2012 resolution. As required, the average price per gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline must be evaluated each month, the corresponding surcharge determined and then posted on the Taxicab and Limousine page of the Authority's website on the third Friday of that month for the following month. Please refer to www.philapark.org/tld for the current fuel surcharge that is added to the taxicab metered fare.