

MEETING DATE: 09/22/08

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Establishing New Taxicab Rates Within the City and Providing for the Posting Thereof and Rescinding Resolution No. 2007-R010.

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ATTACHMENT # 1
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ALL LOS ANGELES FRANCHISED TAXICAB OPERATORS

EFFECTIVE DATE FOR NEW TAXIMETER RATES IS AUGUST 14, 2008 (Corrected)

ALL TAXICABS OPERATORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT FINAL PUBLICATION OF BOARD ORDER NO. 055, ESTABLISHING NEW TAXIMETER RATES FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WILL OCCUR ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008. STARTING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008, LOS ANGELES TAXICABS MAY BE SET TO THE NEW RATE SCHEDULE.

As of Thursday, August 14, 2008, all operators may begin the process of meter rate changes. A state authorized meter sealer shall install the new rates into the taximeters. These taximeters shall be properly sealed with the sealer's dated identification labels and wire security seals (pursuant to Taxi Rule 402). Please ensure that as the rates are revised in each cab, the new rate stickers are simultaneously posted and plainly visible to all passengers in the front and back seats of the taxicab (pursuant to Taxi Rule 405). All taxicab rates shall be in place no later than August 31, 2008.

By September 7, 2008, all taxicab operators shall submit to the Department a meter certificate for each taxicab confirming that the approved rates have been installed and accurately calibrated in the taximeters. A **copy** of this certificate shall be kept in each taxicab until the vehicle has been inspected by Department Investigators.

As a reminder, the new rates include a flag drop of \$2.85 for the first 1/9th mile or 37 seconds of waiting; \$0.30 per each additional 1/9th mile traveled; \$0.30 for each 37 seconds of waiting or time delay; \$2.50 airport surcharge; \$46.50 airport to downtown flat fare; and a \$15 minimum airport fee (plus airport surcharge).

If you have any questions, please call Chief Investigator Donald J. Mansion at (213) 972-4918. The facsimile number is (213) 928-9601.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. DRISCHLER, Taxicab Administrator
Bureau of Franchise and Taxicab Regulation

c: Amir Sedadi, Don Mansion, Robert Johnson, Pat Barker, Jeannine Brands, Sam Woo, Alexis Cameron (LADOT)
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ALL LOS ANGELES FRANCHISED TAXICAB OPERATORS

APPROVAL OF NEW TAXICAB RATES AND RATE CARDS

On July 3, 2008, the Taxicab Commission tentatively approved Board Order No. 055, to establish new taxicab rates. Final Board Order approval is required and is currently scheduled for the meeting of August 7, 2008. An additional \$0.20 charge is also to be applied as part of the taxicab flag drop rate as previously approved in Ordinance No. 177844 to fund the bandit enforcement activities by the Los Angeles Police Department. **Based on the scheduled Board meeting for August 7, 2008, the new taximeter rate schedule should become effective no later than August 13, 2008 (when published).**

All franchised taxicab operators shall have the new rates and new rate cards installed in their taxicabs by complying with the following:

- Beginning the week of July 28, 2008, and continuing until the rates have been changed in the individual taxicab, a sign shall be posted in each vehicle, notifying passengers of the pending taximeter rate increase. A sample of this temporary signage is shown below (also as an attachment). This notice may be printed on regular paper and attached with tape, or an actual sticker may be applied. It must be visible to passengers and placed near the current taximeter rate card. The signage shall be as follows:

NOTICE: A taximeter rate increase will occur the week of August 11, 2008, or shortly thereafter, as approved by the City of Los Angeles. New Rates will be as follows:

\$2.85 Flag Drop (First 1/9th Mile)

\$0.30 For Each Additional 1/9th Mile (\$2.70 per Mile)

\$2.50 Surcharge for All Trips Originating at LAX

\$15.00 Minimum Fare for Trips Originating at LAX

(In Addition to the \$2.50 Surcharge)

\$46.50 Flat Fare for Trips Between LAX and Downtown
(Plus the \$2.50 surcharge when applicable); and

\$0.30 For each 37 seconds wait/delay (\$29.19 per Hour)

July 18, 2008

- Pending notification by LADOT, and possibly beginning by August 13, 2008, all franchised taxicab operators shall have a State authorized meter sealer install the newly approved rates into the taximeters of their City franchised taxicabs. These taximeters shall be properly sealed with the sealer's dated identification labels and wire security seals pursuant to Taxicab Rule 402. **Should the new rates become effective by August 13, 2008, this rate change shall be completed for all Los Angeles taxicabs no later than August 29, 2008.**
- Should the new rates become effective by August 13, 2008, then, by September 5, 2008, all taxicab operators shall submit to the Department a meter certificate for each taxicab confirming that the approved rates have been installed and accurately calibrated in the taximeters. A copy of this certificate shall be kept in each taxicab until the vehicle has been inspected by Department Investigators.
- After the rates have been changed in the taximeters, all taxicab operators shall simultaneously post the approved rate cards plainly visible to all passengers in the front and back seats of their taxicabs pursuant to Taxicab Rule 405. These rate cards shall contain the new rates and the heading "INQUIRIES OR COMPLAINTS" that includes the telephone number of the Department of Transportation, (800) 501-0999, written on the rate card in an uppercase text size that is 16 points or larger. Additional information shall be included in the new rate card which includes 1) all passengers ride for the price of one; 2) driver carries only \$5 in change; and 3) credit card acceptance information (sample attached). **Please note that the Board of Taxicab Commissioners has authorized a minimum credit card usage fee of \$10, but each operator may use a lesser minimum allowance per their own policy for credit card usage.**
- Department Investigators will inspect all taxicabs at the Los Angeles Airport Taxicab Holding Lot, or at alternate locations (as necessary), in September 2008.

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Sincerely,

for *Jeannine C. Brands*

THOMAS M. DRISCHLER, Taxicab Administrator
Taxicab Regulation Division

Attachments (notification sign and sample rate card)

c: Don Mansion, Robert Johnson, Jeannine Brands, Sam Woo, Alexis Cameron (LADOT)
Behzad Bitaraf, ATS Manager, LAX

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ATTACHMENT #2

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-R 010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING NEW TAXICABS RATES WITHIN THE CITY AND PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING THEREOF AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-R007.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.10.305 of the Culver City Municipal Code, the City Council may, by resolution, establish the maximum rates or fares for taxicabs operating within the City;

WHEREAS, the rates or fares currently in effect were established in February 2006;

WHEREAS, several taxicab operators have approached the City about an increase in the City's maximum rates or fares; and,

WHEREAS, in order to assure that the City's taxicab services remain competitive and of a high quality, the City's maximum taxicab rates or fares should be set at a rate comparable to the rates or fares of surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The maximum rates or fares for taxicabs within the City are established as follows:

MAXIMUM

\$2.45 for the first 1/7 mile;

\$0.35 for each additional 1/7 mile; and,

\$0.35 for each 47.50 seconds of waiting time and/or traffic delays

2. No charge shall be levied for extra passengers or baggage.

3. There shall be displayed in the passenger compartment of each taxicab a full view of the passenger card not less than four (4) inches by six (6) inches in size which shall have plainly printed thereon the name of the owner and the fictitious

1 name, if any, under which such owner operates, the business address and telephone
2 number of the owner and a correct schedule of the rates to be charged for conveyance
3 in the vehicle. Such rate and identification card shall be permanently affixed in the
4 passenger compartment and shall be contained in a metal frame covered by heavy duty
5 transparent plastic product such as Lucite. Glass shall not be used for this purpose.
6 Failure to comply with this requirement both as to the original installation and
7 continuous maintenance of such rate schedule and identification card shall be
8 considered adequate grounds for the Chief of Police to revoke or suspend the taxicab
9 permit as provided in Section 11.10.060 of the Culver City Municipal Code. This
10 requirement shall be considered supplemental to the provisions of the Culver City
11 Municipal Code Section 11.10.310.

12 4. No less frequently than every 3 years, the City Treasurer's Office
13 shall analyze taxicab rates in the surrounding communities and report the results of this
14 analysis to the City Council.

15 5. Resolution No. 2006-R007 is hereby rescinded.

16 6. This resolution shall become effective as of May 1, 2007.

17 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2007.

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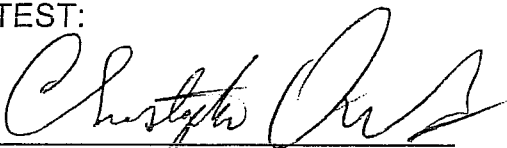
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CHRISTOPHER ARMENTA, City Clerk
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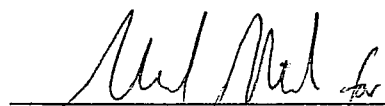
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GARY SILBIGER, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT #3

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING NEW TAXICABS RATES WITHIN THE CITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-R010.

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14 5. Resolution No. 2007-R010 is hereby rescinded.

15 6. Pursuant to Section 11.10.305 of the Culver City Municipal Code,
16 the City Clerk is hereby directed to immediately forward certified copies of this
17 resolution to the Culver City Police Department and to all Culver City taxicab
18 permittees.

19 7. This resolution shall become effective as of October 22, 2008.

20 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

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D. SCOTT MALSIN, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARTIN COLE, City Clerk
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CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney