

MEETING DATE: 03/26/07

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Establishing New Taxicab Rates Within the City and Providing for the Posting Thereof and Rescinding Resolution No. 2006-R007

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Attachment No. 1ORDINANCE NO. 178050

An ordinance enacting a resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, adopted August 3, 2006, designated as Board Order No. 046, fixing the rates and charges for taxicab service in the City of Los Angeles.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners designated as Board Order 037 and Ordinance No. 177017 approving the resolution are each repealed. The resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners, adopted on August 3, 2006, designated as Board Order No. 046, establishing and prescribing the base legal rates to be charged by all taxicab operators is approved, as follows:

- (a) DROP CHARGE - \$2.45 first 1/7th mile, or 47.5 seconds, or fraction.
- (b) DISTANCE CHARGE - \$0.35 for each additional 1/7th mile or part (\$2.45 per mile).
- (c) WAITING/TIME DELAY CHARGE - \$0.35 for each 47.5 seconds waiting time and/or traffic delay (\$26.53 per hour).
- (d) \$42.00 flat fare per trip (group) for taxicab trips between Los Angeles International Airport and Downtown Los Angeles.
- (e) \$2.50 surcharge for trips originating at Los Angeles International Airport.
- (f) \$15.00 minimum airport fare per trip (group), plus any applicable airport surcharge, for taxicab trips originating at Los Angeles International Airport.

Sec. 2. The resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners designated as Board Order No. 034 and its implementing Ordinance No. 177018 are each repealed. The resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners designated as Board Order No. 046, adopted on August 3, 2006, is hereby approved, establishing and prescribing the authority for the Board of Taxicab Commissioners to institute interim taximeter rate adjustments, based upon a public hearing and approval of a Board Order, should any semi-annual review of the City's Taxi Cost Index indicate a minimum five percent change from the most current base rate or other interim taximeter rate adjustment, with conditions for rate adjustment, as follows:

- (a) Any interim rate adjustment shall be within one percent variation of the total Taxi Cost Index change when comparing the cost of providing a five-mile trip, up to a maximum of fifteen percent increase or decrease allowed.

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(b) An interim rate adjustment may be allowed up to a ten percent maximum change from the base rate described in Section 1, of this ordinance, without requiring further Council action. The change shall be defined as the cost of providing a five-mile trip.

(c) A temporary rate adjustment may be allowed greater than ten percent of the cost to provide a five-mile trip, up to a maximum fifteen percent change from the base rate described in Section 1, of this ordinance, but only after completion and review of a rate study and with new taximeter rate recommendations and draft rate ordinance forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

(d) For a minimum of 15 days prior to the effective date of any interim taximeter rate adjustment, all taxicab drivers shall post signage in each taxicab, as approved by the Department of Transportation, notifying the public of upcoming changes in the taximeter rate schedule. This signage shall include the taximeter rate changes and the pending effective date of the increase or decrease in the taximeter rate.

(e) The Department of Transportation shall monitor the Consumer Price Index components comprising the Taxi Cost Index every six months and report the index changes to the Board of Taxicab Commissioners. Should the Taxi Cost Index vary by five percent or more as compared to the index level used for the most current taximeter rate, the Department shall also include recommendations to the Board for a taximeter rate adjustment. Should any interim rate adjustment recommendation provide for more than ten percent variation in the passenger cost of a five-mile trip as compared to the base rate approved in Section 1, of this ordinance, the Department shall also include a rate study in its report to the Board, along with rate adjustment recommendations and draft rate ordinance for Mayor and Council approval.

Sec. 3. Any franchised taxicab operator may offer a special senior citizen taxicab rate by providing up to ten percent discount on scrip sold to senior citizens. Senior citizens are individuals 62 years of age or more. The taxicab operator shall file with the Board the conditions under which the senior citizen rate will apply. The conditions shall become effective after being filed with the Department, subject to any modifications or restrictions, which the Department may impose.

Sec. 4. The provisions of Board Order No. 329 and Ordinance No. 151270, as they apply to discounts for disabled or blind persons, shall continue to be in effect.

Sec. 5. "Los Angeles International Airport" as used in this ordinance means passenger terminals numbers 1 through 7 and Imperial Passenger Terminal. "Downtown Los Angeles" as used in this ordinance means the area bounded by Cesar Chavez Avenue to the North, Alameda Street to the East, Santa Monica (10) Freeway to the South, Harbor Freeway (110) to the West plus Union Station and Chinatown.

Sec. 6. The driver shall choose the route and the passenger may not designate any intermediate stops for the flat fare to be effective.

Sec. 7. All franchised taxicab operators shall file with the Department no later than 45 days after the end of each period, monthly statistical data to include the following: meter receipts, number of trips, number of paid and total miles, number of shifts operated, and number of telephone orders received. The taxicab operator shall also file with the Department annual audited financial statements (i.e., balance sheet and income statements) from a certified public accountant at the end of its fiscal year, together with any additional reports as the Board may require from time to time.

Sec. 8. Any franchised taxicab operator failing to provide the above financial and statistical reports within the 45-day period shall, after a public hearing before the Board, be subject to having its franchise suspended on a day-to-day basis until the reports have been filed with the Board.

Sec. 9. No taxicab operated in the City of Los Angeles by any franchised taxicab operator shall be equipped with a taximeter containing any unauthorized rates or extra charges. No schedule of rates contained in the taximeter may be higher than those currently adopted for the City of Los Angeles, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Taxicab Commissioners.

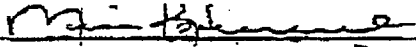
Sec. 10. The Board of Taxicab Commissioners shall have the authority to establish and prescribe by Board Order special discounts in the taxicab fare for specified types of taxicab trips, along with the conditions under which any franchised taxicab operator may voluntarily offer the discounts. The Board shall not approve a discount for a period that exceeds 180 days. The Board Order approved by the Board establishing a discount shall be effective upon final publication of the Board Order. Any discount that is to be in effect for more than 180 days shall be approved by the City Council.

Sec. 11. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed 180 days, or by both a fine and imprisonment.

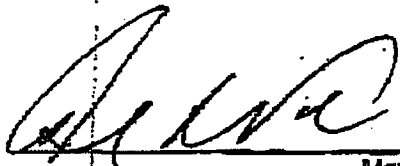
Sec. 12. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of OCT 31 2006.

FRANK T. MARTINEZ, City Clerk

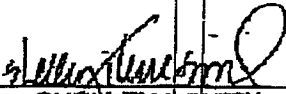
By 
Deputy

Approved NOV 12 2006


Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By 
SHELLEY I. SMITH
Assistant City Attorney

Date 8/23/06

File No. 01-09109

Attachment No 2

RESOLUTION NO 2006-R 007

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 86-R158

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 1986

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 20 for the first 1/11 mile

\$0 20 for each additional 1/11 mile

\$0 20 for each 30 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

1 in size which shall have plainly printed thereon the name of the owner and the fictitious
2 name, if any under which such owner operates the business address and telephone
3 number of the owner and a correct schedule of the rates to be charged for conveyance
4 in the vehicle Such rate and identification card shall be permanently affixed in the
5 passenger compartment and shall be contained in a metal frame covered by heavy duty
6 transparent plastic product such as Lucite Glass shall not be used for this purpose
7 Failure to comply with this requirement both as to the original installation and
8 continuous maintenance of such rate schedule and identification card shall be
9 considered adequate grounds for the Chief of Police to revoke or suspend the taxicab
10 permit as provided in Section 11 10 060 of the Culver City Municipal Code This
11 requirement shall be considered supplemental to the provisions of the Culver City
12 Municipal Code Section 11 10 310

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

16 5 Resolution No 86-R158 is hereby rescinded

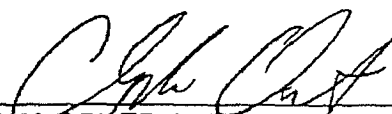
17 6 This resolution shall become effective as of March 16 2006

18 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of February 2006
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22 ALBERT VERA, MAYOR
23 City of Culver City, California

24 ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM

25 
26 CHRISTOPHER ARMENTA City Clerk

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28 CAROL A SCHWAB, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF CULVER CITY) SS

I, Ela Valladares, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Culver City, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No 2006-R007 was duly and regularly adopted, passed, and approved by the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held at the regular meeting place thereof, on the 13th day of February, 2006, by the following Councilmember vote

AYES	Corlin, Gross, Rose, Silbiger, Vera
NOES	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

Dated this 21st day of April, 2006

for Cheryl In
Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council
City of Culver City State of California

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007- _____

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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,

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\$2.45 for the first 1/7 mile;

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10 permit as provided in Section 11.10.060 of the Culver City Municipal Code. This
11 requirement shall be considered supplemental to the provisions of the Culver City
12 Municipal Code Section 11.10.310.

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

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

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

18 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____th day of March, 2007.

21 _____
22 GARY SILBIGER, MAYOR
23 City of Culver City, California

24 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

25 _____
26 CHRISTOPHER ARMENTA, City Clerk

CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney

UNITED TAXI OF THE SOUTH-WEST, INC.

DBA:

**CULVER CITY YELLOW CAB COMPANY
UNITED TAXI SOUTH BAY
UNITED TAXI BEVERLY HILLS & WEST HOLLYWOOD
UNITED TAXI ANTELOPE VALLEY & SANTA CLARITA**

January 2, 2007

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CITY TREASURER
CULVER CITY, CALIF

Mr. Nagam Rao
Treasurer Division Manager
City of Culver City
9770 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90029

RE: Taximeter rate increase

Dear Mr. Rao:

United Taxi Of The South-West, Inc. D.B.A. Culver City Yellow Cab Company would like to inquire as to the period in which the City of Culver City will adjust the taximeter rates in alliance with the City of Los Angeles taximeter rates. As you are aware, the City of Los Angeles already increased the taximeter rates from December 25, 2006 and new rates are indicated by the attached.

I hope that you will take this matter into your consideration and let me know about your decision.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (818)388-3389 on my cell phone or (213)483-7669 ext. 3010 in my office.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours

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I am pleased to tell you that the Board of Directors of UITD passed the motion on December 26, 2006 about helping ten UITD first unit owners to obtain Culver City licenses. This will help us to have ten more units in Culver City. We will be able to provide better service to the Public.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (818)388-3389 on my cell phone or (213)483-7669 ext. 3010 in my office.

Thank you very much.

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UITD, President