



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes TAXICAB REVIEW BOARD

ALD. JAMES BOHL, JR, CHAIR

Justice Khalsa, Elizabeth A. Nicols, Todd O'Leary, Carmela Peot, Michael Sanfelippo, Peter N. Tsounis

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Friday, June 26, 2009

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:10 A.M.

1. Roll call

Members introduced themselves.

Present 7 - Bohl, Nicols, Sanfelippo, O'Leary, Peot, Khalsa and Tsounis

Also present: Richard Pfaff, License Division and Richard Withers, Legislative Reference Bureau

2. Approval of the minutes of the May 22, 2009 meeting

Ms. Nicols moved approval of the minutes, Mr. Sanfelippo seconded. There were no objections.

3. Comments from the general public on proposed changes to the taxicab surcharges and rates

Ald. Bohl gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the taxicab rates and surcharges as stated in Mr. Withers, memorandum number seven (Exhibit 1).

Ald. Bohl asked Mr. Withers to give a brief overview of the City's history on taxicab rate and surcharge increases and on the survey he done on other Cities taxicab rates and surcharges.

Mr. Withers said he had conducted a survey of other Cities taxicab rates and found the City of Milwaukee's taxicab rates are lowest in comparison to those Cities surveyed.

Mr. Withers said that the last time the waiting time charge was increased was about two decades ago. The last permanent flag drop increase took place seven years ago and in the last couple of years there have been two temporary flag drop increases due to increase in gas prices.

Ald. Bohl explained to the people present in the audience that this board is an advisory board and any recommendations this board makes will be referred to the City of Milwaukee's Public Safety Committee and to the Common Council for final approval.

Ald. Bohl invited the following people to the table to give comments on the proposed taxicab rate and surcharge increases:

Dennis Ryan, Milwaukee County Family Care, 310 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee – opposed

Mr. Ryan gave an overview of internet research he had done on other Cities taxicab rates.

Ms. Peot move to make Mr. Ryan's internet research printouts a part of the record (Exhibit 2). There were no objections.

Don Natzke, Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities - he is in favor of a lower rate increase than what has been proposed. He also suggested that some kind of incentive be put in place for persons with disabilities, such as a script program, where a person could buy scripts in advance for taxicab rides.

Hardeep Singh, 4614 S. 1st St., #203, Milwaukee, WI, American United - In favor

Bennie Lewis, 4548 N. 86th St., Milwaukee, WI - In favor

Leon Vasserman, 7430 N Bethmaur Lane, Glendale, WI, Leon's Taxi - In favor (He suggests an increase in the flag drop rate of \$3.00 per 1/10 mile and a \$0.40 increase per minute for the waiting time charge)

Bivake Gill, 4570 S. 20th St., Apt. 1, American United - In favor

Richard Christensen, General Manager American United, 646 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI - In favor

Police Officer Tyshynsky, Milwaukee Police Dept.

Amarjit Singh, 320 W. Scott St., Milwaukee, WI - In favor (He suggested the waiting

time charge be increased to \$0.40 per minute and change the increase for grocery bags, etc. from \$0.10 to \$0.20 per bag)

The following list of people appeared, but did not speak:

Paramjit Singh, 5944 S. 32nd St., Milwaukee, WI - In favor
Sharif Abdelrahman, 5031 S. 14th St., Milwaukee, WI - opposed
Edgar R. Perez, 3629 S. 24th St., Milwaukee, WI - In favor
Jhalman Singh, 586 E. Jordan Lane, Oak Creek, WI - In favor
Dev R. Dhanda, 6422 S. 35th St., Franklin, WI - In favor
Deol Singh Baljeet, 3367 N. 50th St., Milwaukee, WI - In favor
Baljinder S. Khattrra, 7281 S. Clement Ave., Yellow Cab - In favor
Harminder Singh, 2714 W. Howard Ave., #5, Milwaukee, WI, City Vet - In favor
Swaran Singh, 10777 S. Conner Way, Oak Creek, WI, American Taxicab - In favor
Abdifatah Mohamed, 4532 S. 23rd St., Apt. 6, Milwaukee, WI - In favor
Inderjit Singh, 3720 N. 84th St., Milwaukee, WI, - In favor
Dharmender Pal Singh, 10527 W. Wildwood Lane, #B102, West Allis, WI - In favor
Chaudhry M. Riaz, 5807 16th St., #222, Racine, WI - In favor
Rajesh Kumar, 5715 N. 56th St., Milwaukee, WI, American taxicab - In favor
Amar Singh, 4240 N. 100th St., Milwaukee, WI - In favor

4. Discussion on recommendations

Ald. Bohl asked what is the pleasure of the board members on the proposed changes to the taxicab rate and surcharge increases? He said this board could approve the proposed increases as suggested in the memo or a motion could be made to make changes to some or all the proposed increases.

Mr. Tsounis suggested that if there are grocery bags or suitcases there should be a straight charge of \$1.00.

Mr. Khalsa suggested that the baggage charge be change to say that the first two suitcases or grocery bags are included in the ride, but anything beyond that there would be a charge.

Ald. Bohl suggested that a maximum of two suitcases or ten grocery bags per taxicab and anything over that there could be a charge of say \$1.00.

Mr. Sanfelippo said there shouldn't be a charge for baggage; if that service is required the meter is turned on from the time the service begins.

A motion was made by Mr. Khalsa and Mr. Tsounis seconded, to change the baggage surcharge to: two suitcases, any number of grocery bags, etc. that fill the taxicab trunk to its capacity would be no charge and if the baggage exceeds the capacity of the truck and has to be stored in the taxicab there would be a charge of \$1.00. 5-0 (Ms. Peot and Ald. Bohl abstained). The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Mr. Sanfelippo and Mr. Tsounis seconded, to approve all the other proposed rate changes as stated in memo number seven. (4-1) (Mr. Khalsa voting no, Ald. Bohl and Ms. Peot abstained). The motion prevailed.

Meeting adjourned: 10:57 P.M.

Terry J. MacDonald
Staff Assistant



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*INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU*

Memorandum

To: Ald. James A. Bohl, Jr., Chair
Taxicab Review Board

From: Richard Withers, Legislative Fiscal Analyst ext. 8532

Date: May 22, 2009

Re: Taxicab Review Board – Memo 7
Current and Proposed Taxicab Rates and Charges Approved by the
Taxicab Review Board for Public Hearing, June 26, 2009

The following proposed changes in the maximum rates and charges for taxicab services were approved this morning by the Taxicab Review Board for a Public Hearing before the Board which is now scheduled for June 26, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

Rate, Charge or Fee	Current	Proposed for Public Hearing
Flag drop	\$2.25 first 1/8 th mile	\$2.25 first 1/10 th mile
Rate per fraction of a mile	\$0.25 per 1/8 th	\$0.25 per 1/10 th
Additional passenger over 12 years of age	\$0.75	\$1.00
Grocery bag or overnight suitcase	\$0.10 each	No charge
Waiting time	\$0.25 per minute	\$0.35 per minute
Minimum fare from General Mitchell Airport	\$6.00	\$10.00

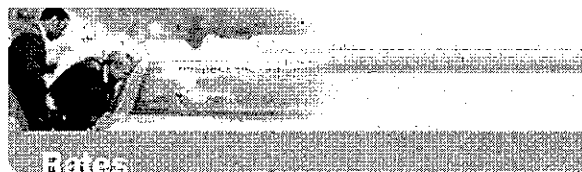
LRB09041-Memo 7
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5/22/2009

Exhibit 1



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 866-440-TAXI | 312-326-CAB1

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Rates



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Rates

Maximum Fares: Drivers may agree to discount rates for trips over 5 miles as long as the meter keeps running:

Flag Pull (entry):	\$2.25
Each additional mile:	\$1.80
Every 6 minutes of waiting time	\$2.00
Each additional passenger over the age of 12 and under the age of 65	\$1.00
Each additional passenger, after 1st, over the age of 12 and under the age of 65	\$0.50



MORE INFO

The State MPEA tax requires passengers to pay a total of a \$1.00 surcharge for each trip to/from O'Hare and Midway airports. Shared rides \$1.00 per trip, not per passenger. It will appear as an "EXTRA" charge on the taxi meter.

Average fares depending upon traffic conditions:

O'Hare Airport to Downtown	\$40.00 to 45.00
Midway Airport to Downtown	\$30.00 to 35.00
Downtown to United Center	\$12.00 to 15.00

Straight Meter Rates apply to the City of Chicago to/from the airports and the following suburbs:

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| Edford Park | Harwood Hts. |
| Burbank | Hines VA Hospital |
| Bira Island | Hometown |
| Burnham | Lincolnwood |
| Calumet City | Merrionette Park |
| Calumet Park | Niles |
| Cicero | Norridge |
| Des Plaines | Oak Lawn |
| Dolton | Oak Park |
| Elk Grove Village | Park Ridge |
| Elmwood Park | Riverdale |
| Evanston | River Grove |
| Evergreen Park | Stickney |
| Forest View | Summit |

Rates to all suburbs are straight meter to the city limits and one and one half times the meter rate from city limit to destination. Ask about

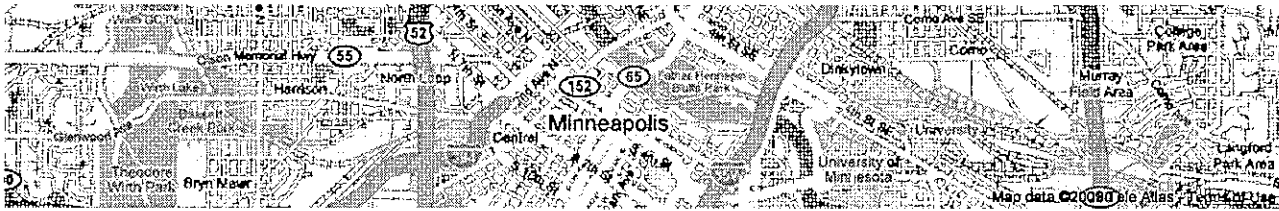


TaxiFareFinder.com

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Minneapolis Fare Estimator | **Minneapolis Taxi Info** | Taxicab Confessions | Taxi Rate Chart

Minneapolis



Taxi Information In Minneapolis and St. Paul (as of 04/17/2008)

Metered Rates

- \$2.50 for the first 1/5th mile or less
- \$0.38 for each additional 1/5th of a mile (\$1.90/mile)
- There may be \$5.00 minimum fare.
- Add \$2.75 for fares originating MSP Airport.
- Excess luggage charge may apply

Approximate Fares

- From MSP Airport to Downtown St. Paul: \$26~32
- From MSP Airport to Downtown Minneapolis: \$32~38

Fare Rates

Minneapolis - Taxi Information for Passengers

No information at the current time.

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Cab Companies and Phone Numbers

Minneapolis

- Yellow Taxi: 800-TAXICAB / 800-829-4222
- Green & White Taxi Co: (612) 522-2222
- Roadstar Taxi: (612) 529-2100
- Diamond Cab: (651) 642-1188
- Airport & Town Taxi, 612-721-0000
- Blue & White Taxi, 612-333-3333
- Green & White Taxi, 612-522-2222
- Rainbow Taxi, 612-333-1615
- Minneapolis Taxi, 612-998-1555

St. Paul

- Airport Yellow Taxi, 651-644-3212
- City Wide Cab Co., 651-489-1111
- Diamond Cab, 651-642-1188
- Green & White Taxi, 651-222-2222
- Gold Star Taxi, 952-881-4444
- Suburban Taxi, 952-884-8888

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List of Counties

Aitkin | Anoka | Becker | Beltrami | Benton | Big Stone | Blue Earth | Brown | Carlton | Carver | Cass | Chippewa | Chisago | Clay | Clearwater | Cook | Cottonwood | Crow Wing | Oakota | Dodge | Douglas | Faribault | Fillmore | Freeborn | Goodhue | Grant | Hennepin | Houston | Hubbard | Isanti | Itasca | Jackson | Kanabec | Kandiyohi | Kiltson | Koochiching | Lac qui Parle | Lake | Lake of the Woods | Le Sueur | Lincoln | Lyon | Mahanomen | Marshall | Martin | McLeod | Meeker | Millie Lacs | Morrison | Mower | Murray | Nicollet | Nobles | Norman | Olmsted | Otter Tail | Pennington | Pine | Pipestone | Polk | Pope | Ramsey | Red Lake | Redwood | Renville | Rice | Rock | Roseau | St. Louis | Scott | Sherburne | Sibley | Stearns | Steele | Stevens | Swift | Todd | Traverse | Wabasha | Wadena | Waseca | Washington | Watonwan | Wilkin | Winona | Wright | Yellow Medicine

List of Larger Cities

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Detroit 



Taxi Information in Detroit (as of 05/31/2008)

Fare Rates

Example Metered Rates

- \$2.50 for the first 1/8th mile or less
- \$0.20 for each additional 1/8th of a mile* **1.60**
- \$18.00 for each hour waiting time (\$0.30/min)
- \$3.00 Fuel Surcharges may apply
- \$10.00 charge may apply to trips to Canada
- * Fares in Detroit may differ between different cab companies

Sample Plat Rates (Please check with Taxi companies)

- \$50.00 From Ann Arbor to Detroit Metro Airport
- \$50.00 From Detroit Metro Airport to Ann Arbor
- Airport taxis may have \$18 minimum fare

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Cab Companies and Phone Numbers

- Checker Cab - 313-963-7000
- Yellow cab - 313-961-3333

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Metro Cars 248-924-4823
 Metro Airport Sedan Serving Metro Detroit
 Airport. Call 734-536-4293



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List of Counties

Alcona | Alger | Allegan | Alpena | Antrim | Arenac | Baraga | Barry | Bay | Benzie | Berrien | Branch | Calhoun | Cass | Charlevoix | Cheboygan | Chippewa | Clare | Clinton | Crawford | Delta | Dickinson | Eaton | Emmet | Genesee | Gladwin | Gogebic | Grand Traverse | Gratiot | Hillsdale | Houghton | Huron | Ingham | Ionia | Iosco | Iron | Isabella | Jackson | Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo | Kent | Keweenaw | Lake | Lapeer | Leelanau | Lenawee | Livingston | Luce | Mackinac | Macomb | Manistee | Marquette | Mason | Mecosta | Menominee | Midland | Missaukee | Monroe | Montcalm | Montmorency | Muskegon | Newaygo | Oakland | Oceana | Ogemaw | Ontonagon | Osceola | Oscoda | Otsego | Ottawa | Presque Isle | Roscommon | Saginaw | Sanilac | Schoolcraft | Shiawassee | St. Clair | St. Joseph | Tuscola | Van Buren | Washtenaw | Wayne | Wexford

List of Largest Municipalities

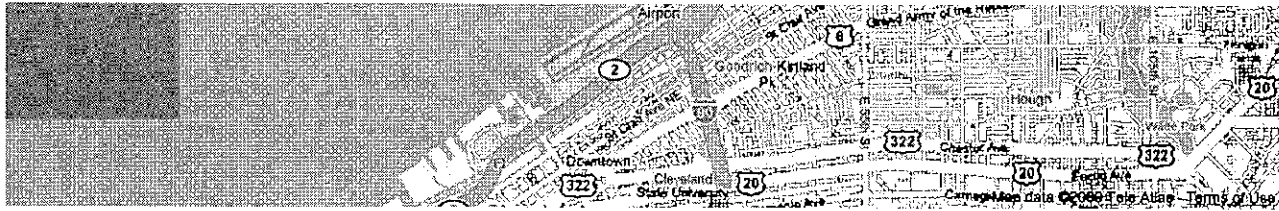
Ann Arbor | Battle Creek | Bay City | Bloomfield Township | Canton Township | Chesterfield Township | Clinton Township | Commerce Township | Dearborn | Dearborn Heights | Detroit | East Lansing | Eastpointe | Farmington Hills | Flint | Flint Township | Georgetown Township | Grand Rapids | Holland | Jackson | Kalamazoo | Kentwood | Lansing | Lincoln Park | Livonia | Macomb Township | Meridian Township | Midland | Muskegon | Novi | Pontiac | Portage | Redford | Rochester Hills | Roseville | Royal Oak | Saginaw | Saginaw Township | St. Clair Shores | Shelby Township | Southfield | Sterling Heights | Taylor | Troy | Warren | Waterford Township | West Bloomfield | Westland | Wyoming | Ypsilanti Township

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Cleveland



Taxi Information In Cleveland (as of 04/23/2008)

Fare Rates

Metered Rates (Approximate)

- \$1.80 for the first 1/6 mile or less
- \$0.35 for each additional 1/6 of a mile **2.10**
- \$0.25 for each minute waiting

Cleveland - Taxi Information for Passengers

No additional information at this time.

[Estimate Your Cab Fare \(Go Back to Cleveland TaxiFareFinder\)](#)

Cab Companies and Phone Numbers

- Southwest Cabs - (440) 237-3100
- Yellow Cab - (216) 623-1550
- Ace Taxi - (216) 361-4700
- Americab - (216) 881-1111
- United Taxi - (216) 398-9000

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List of Counties

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