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Taxicab Review Board Hosts Public Hearing

Fare Increases, Regulation and More to be Considered

The Taxicab Review Board, created in 2009 to examine matters related to taxicab regulations, fares, customer feedback and more, has generated a template for suggested changes. A public hearing on Friday, June 26 will allow for drivers, paratransit workers and others to voice their concerns to the board.

“As a body, we were concerned with fairness and customer safety and we want to balance the best interests of patrons as well as taxicab operators who support their families as professional drivers,” Ald. Jim Bohl, chair of the board, said.

Any changes the board recommends must first pass through the Public Safety Committee and then move onto the Common Council to be implemented. Some of the proposed changes include eliminating dated fees like a 10 cent per bag charge and increasing the current \$6 minimum fare from Mitchell International Airport to \$10. Waiting time fees and extra passenger fees also face proposed increases.

“We welcome those invested in this mode of transit to come and take part in the hearing. Changing rates affect both passengers and operators and these proposed options will be presented at committee; now is the time for the public to help design the changes,” Ald. Bohl said.

The public hearing is scheduled for **Friday, June 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in room 301-B of City Hall.**