



**City  
of  
Milwaukee**

**LICENSE DIVISION  
Interdepartmental Correspondence**

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TO: Public Safety Committee  
 FROM: Richard Pfaff, Assistant Manager License Division  
 DATE: June 20, 2008  
 RE: Rate Increases in Taxicab Meter Fares, 1980 to Present

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You had request for the period from 1980 to the present information relating to any permanent or temporary taxicab meter rate increases or temporary taxicab fare surcharges. The information you requested is provided in the memo below.

Table. Permanent Rate Increases in Taxicab Meter Fares, 1980 to Present.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RATE	COMMON COUNCIL FILE NUMBER	INITIAL CHARGE PER FRACTION OF MILE	EACH ADD'L FRACTION OF MILE	WAIT TIME PER MIN.	EACH ADD'L PERSON	EACH GROCERY BAG AND SUITCASE	MINIMUM FARE FROM AIRPORT
16 MAR 07	61038	\$2.25 (1/8)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.75	\$0.10	\$6.00
1 JAN 03	980956	\$1.75 (1/8)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.75	\$0.10	\$6.00
1 SEP 01	980956	\$1.75 (1/7)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.75	\$0.10	\$6.00
12 JAN 95	921600	\$1.75 (1/6)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$0.10	\$4.00
22 NOV 91	902014	\$1.50 (1/5)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$0.10	\$4.00
16 JUL 85	85-395	\$1.25 (1/5)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.10	\$4.00
18 APR 80	79-230	\$1.00 (1/4)	\$0.25	\$0.25 (2 MIN.)	\$0.25	\$0.10	\$4.00
29 JAN 80	79-1720	\$0.95 (1/4)	\$0.20	\$0.20 (2 MIN.)	\$0.25	\$0.10	\$4.00

Source: City of Milwaukee Common Council Files

In addition to any permanent taxicab meter rate increase, the following temporary taxicab fare surcharges and meter rate increases were established or extended between July 4, 2000, and March 26, 2007, in order to offset the increased fuel costs paid by taxicab owners and operators:

1. A temporary taxicab fare surcharge of \$1 was established on each ride for a period of 90 days from July 4, 2000, through October 3, 2000.
2. A temporary \$1 surcharge was established on each ride for a period of 120 days from July 1, 2005, through October 27, 2005. Prior to expiration, the temporary fare surcharge was extended by an additional 60 days, expiring after December 27, 2005.
3. A temporary \$1 taxicab meter rate increase was established for a period of 180 days from May 26, 2006, through November 26, 2006, and increased the meter rate from \$1.75 to \$2.75 for the first 1/8th of a mile. Prior to expiration, the temporary meter rate increase was extended by an additional 110 days, expiring on March 16, 2007, when a permanent \$0.50 meter rate increase became effective for the first 1/8th of a mile.

No temporary taxicab fare surcharge or meter rate increase is currently in effect.