



## Legislation Text

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SUBSTITUTE 3

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A substitute ordinance relating to a temporary surcharge of \$1 for taxicab fares.

100-52-3-d cr

- Analysis -

This ordinance provides for a temporary taxicab fare surcharge not to exceed \$1, which may be charged on each ride to offset the increased fuel costs paid by taxicab owners and operators. The surcharge shall only be in effect for a period of 90 days from the effective date of this ordinance. A notice of this surcharge must be posted in the taxicab.

Whereas, The American Automobile Association (AAA) Wisconsin reported that regular gasoline has increased from \$1.16 per gallon a year ago to \$2.01 currently, an increase of 73.7%; and

Whereas, In May 2000, AAA Wisconsin reported that gasoline prices in Milwaukee were \$1.49 per gallon, which calculates to an increase of 34.9% since last month alone; and

Whereas, The chairman of the Federal Trade Commission formally noted that Wisconsin has seen "remarkably severe price increases in a short period of time"; and

Whereas, This increase has particularly hurt the taxicab drivers who pay for their own fuel; and

Whereas, These increased fuel costs have put a tremendous financial strain on the taxicab owners and operators whose meter fare rates are set by this city; and

Whereas, The bulk of these taxicab owners and operators are supporting families while incurring increased costs; now, therefore

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 100-52-3-d of the code is created to read:

100-52. Rates Established.

3. METER FARE TAXICAB.

d. From the effective date of this paragraph [July 4, 2000] up through and including 90 days from the effective date of this paragraph [October 3, 2000] a surcharge not to exceed \$1 may be charged, for one or more persons, per ride pursuant to rates charged under pars. a and c. A ride shall be defined as a passenger or group of passengers who begin travel at one point and finish travel at a second point; multiple stops shall be counted as one ride as long as the meter is not reset. A notice of this surcharge shall be posted in the passenger compartment in a conspicuous place visible to all occupants of the vehicle.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Legislative Reference Bureau

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IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE  
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

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Office of the City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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