

ORDINANCE NO. 181745

An ordinance enacting a resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, adopted March 17, 2011, designated as Board Order No. 063, 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of Taxicab Commissioners designated as Board Order 055 and Ordinance No. 178,050 approving the resolution are each repealed. The resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners, adopted on March 17, 2011, designated as Board Order No. 063, establishing and prescribing the baseline legal rates to be charged by all taxicab operators is approved, as follows:

- (a) **DROP CHARGE** - \$2.65 first 1/9<sup>th</sup> mile, or 37 seconds, or fraction.
- (b) **DISTANCE CHARGE** - \$0.30 for each additional 1/9<sup>th</sup> mile or part (\$2.70 per mile.)
- (c) **WAITING/TIME DELAY CHARGE** - \$0.30 for each 37 seconds waiting time and/or traffic delay (\$29.19 per hour.)
- (d) **AIRPORT SURCHARGE** - \$4.00 surcharge for trips originating at Los Angeles International Airport.
- (e) **AIRPORT MINIMUM CHARGE** - \$15.00 minimum airport fare per trip (group), plus any applicable airport surcharge, for taxicab trips originating at Los Angeles International Airport.
- (f) **AIRPORT FLAT RATE** - \$46.50 flat fare per trip (group) for taxicab trips between Los Angeles International Airport and Downtown Los Angeles, plus any applicable airport surcharge.

Sec. 2. The resolution of the Board of Taxicab Commissioners designated as Board Order No. 063, adopted on March 17, 2011, is also 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 (5%) change from the most current baseline rate or other interim taximeter rate adjustment, with conditions for rate adjustment, as follows:

- (a) Any interim rate adjustment shall be within one percent (1%) 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 (15%) increase or decrease allowed.

(b) An interim rate adjustment may be allowed up to a ten percent (10%) maximum change from the base rate described in Section 1, herein, without requiring further Council action. Such change shall be defined as the cost of providing a five-mile trip.

(c) A temporary interim rate adjustment may be allowed greater than ten percent (10%) of the cost to provide a five-mile trip, up to a maximum fifteen percent (15%) change from the base rate described in Section 1, herein, but only with the completion and review of a rate study, and with new baseline 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. Such 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 such index changes to the Board of Taxicab Commissioners. Should the Taxi Cost Index vary by five percent (5%) 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 an interim taximeter rate adjustment. Should any interim rate adjustment recommendation provide for more than ten percent (10%) variation in the passenger cost of a five-mile trip as compared to the baseline rate approved in Section 1, herein, the Department shall also include a rate study in its report to the Board, or shortly thereafter, along with baseline 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 10% discount on scrip sold to senior citizens. Senior citizens are those males and females 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 the Department may impose.

Sec. 4. The provisions of Board Order No. 329 and Ordinance No. 151,270, 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 number 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 not 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 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 this 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. Each taxicab operated in the City of Los Angeles by any franchised taxicab operator shall not be equipped with any taximeter containing any unauthorized rate or extra charges which can facilitate the perpetration of a fraud. No schedule of rates contained in the taximeter may be higher than those authorized for the City of Los Angeles unless authorized by the Board of Taxicab Commissioners.


Sec. 10. The Board of Taxicab Commissioners shall have the authority, hereinafter, upon a hearing 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 on final publication of the Board Order and without subsequent ratification by the City Council. 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 the resolution 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.

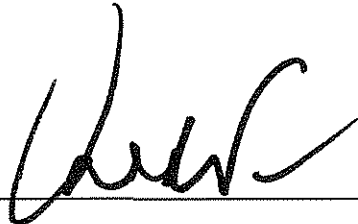
Sec. 12. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located in the Main Street lobby to the City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the ground level at the Los Angeles Street entrance to the Los Angeles Police Department; 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 the foregoing ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the Council of the City of Los Angeles MAY 24 2011, and was passed at its meeting of MAY 31 2011.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

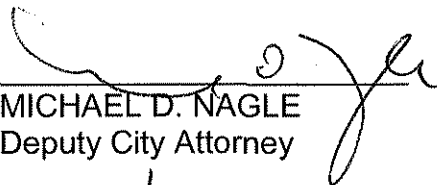
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Approved JUN 09 2011

  
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