

ORDINANCE NO. 2192 74 - 750

AN ORDINANCE relating to the operation of the taxicab business and drivers, setting rate schedules and amending Ordinance 1120, Section 10 and K.C.C. 6.64.100.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1120, Section 10 and K.C.C. 6.64.100

are hereby amended to read as follows:

RATE SCHEDULE: Every licensee shall, before commencing operation, file with the director his proposed schedule of rates and charges. It is unlawful for any licensee to charge any greater or lesser sum than is specified by such filed schedule of rates, except as herein provided, and it is unlawful to make any discriminatory charges to any person, or to make any rebate or in any manner reduce the charge to any person unless such reduction is in conformity with the schedule, and rates and charges shall be conspicuously displayed in the taxicab so as to be readily discernible to the passenger. Operation of any taxicab or for-hire vehicle without the filing and display of rate schedules shall be a prima facie grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license.

- (a) The rate schedule for taxicabs shall be as follows:
- For one passenger for the first one-sixth mile, or
fraction thereof ((~~\$1.60~~) \$.80)
- Thereafter for each additional one-sixth mile, or
fraction thereof10
- For every one minute of waiting time ((~~10~~) .12)
- For each additional passenger20

(No additional passenger shall be picked up without the express consent of the original passenger.)

(b) The rate schedule for "for-hire vehicles" shall be determined for each licensee by the director, who shall take into

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1 account, among other things, and with the objective of prescribing
2 a just and reasonable rate, the following factors:

3 (1) The public need for adequate "for-hire vehicles" ser-
4 vice at the lowest level of charges consistent with the provision,
5 maintenance and renewal of such service;

6 (2) The rates of other licensees operating in the same or
7 similar areas;

8 (3) The effect of such rates upon transportation of pass-
9 enger by other modes of transportation;

10 (4) The licensee's need for revenue of a level which under
11 honest, efficient and economical management is sufficient to
12 cover the cost (including all operating expenses, depreciation
13 accruals, rents, license fees and taxes of every kind) of pro-
14 viding adequate "for-hire vehicles" service, plus an amount equal
15 to such percentage of the cost as is reasonably necessary for the
16 replacement of deteriorated "for-hire vehicles" and a reasonable
17 profit to the licensee. The relation of revenues to expenses
18 may be deemed the proper test of a reasonable profit.

19 (c) Any person, partnership, corporation or legal entity
20 driving or operating or engaged in the business of operating
21 taxicabs, may contract their services to any legally established
22 commercial enterprises, such as, apartment house complexes,
23 motels, airlines, manufacturing companies, for rates below those
24 as established herein, with approval of the director of licenses.
25 After approval by the director licenses, a copy of the contract
26 between the licensee and the commercial enterprise shall be
27 filed with the director of licenses in triplicate. No business
28 shall be conducted prior to the director's approval.

29 (d) The rate schedule for taxicabs entering into con-
30 tractual service shall be determined for each licensee by the
31 director, who shall take into account, among other things, and
32 with the objective of prescribing a just and reasonable rate,
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1 the following factors:

2 (1) The public need for adequate taxicabs entering into
3 contractual service at the lowest level of charges consistent
4 with the provision, maintenance and renewal of such service;

5 (2) The rates of other licensees operating in the same
6 or similar areas;

7 (3) The effect of such rates upon transportation of
8 passengers by other modes of transportation;

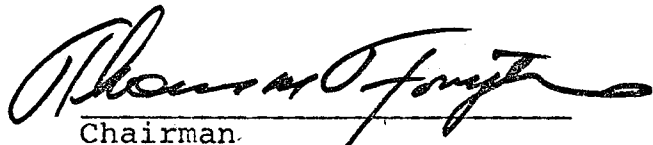
9 (4) The licensee's need for revenue of a level which
10 under honest, efficient and economical management, is sufficient
11 to cover the cost (including all operating expenses, depreciation
12 accruals, rents, license fees and taxes of every kind) of providing
13 adequate contract taxi vehicle service, plus an amount equal to
14 such percentage of the cost as is reasonably necessary for the
15 replacement of deteriorated contract taxi vehicles and a reason-
16 able profit to the licensee. The relation of revenues to expenses
17 may be deemed the proper test of a reasonable profit.

18 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 16th day of

19 September, 19 74.

20 PASSED this 15th day of October, 19 74.

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22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
23 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

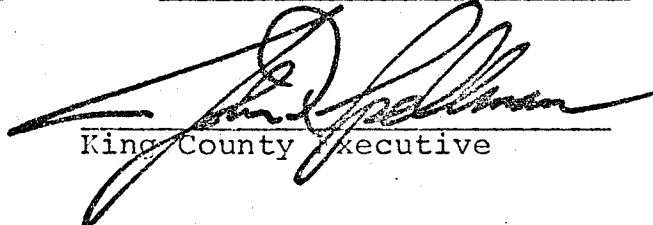
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25 
26 Chairman.

27 THOMAS M. FORSYTHE

28 ATTEST:

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30 Clerk of the Council

31 APPROVED this 15th day of October, 19 74.

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King County Executive