



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 1, 2005

Ordinance 15132

Proposed No. 2004-0466.2

Sponsors Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to taxicab and for-hire vehicle
2 rates; and amending Ordinance 10498, Section 95, and
3 K.C.C. 6.64.760.
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6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 10498, Section 95, and K.C.C. 6.64.760 are each hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 A. The rates for taxicabs licensed to operate in King County shall be established
10 by the King County council.

11 B. In reviewing rates, the council may take into account, among other things, and
12 with the objective of prescribing a just and reasonable rate, the following factors:

13 1. The recommendations of the director pursuant to K.C.C. 6.68.740, if any;

14 2. The public need for adequate taxi service at the lowest level of charges

15 consistent with the provision, maintenance and continuation of such service;

16 3. The rates of other licensees operating in similar areas;

17 4. The effect of such rates upon transportation of passengers by other modes of
 18 transportation;

19 5. The licensee's need for revenue of a level which under honest, efficient and
 20 economical management is sufficient to cover the cost, ~~((€))~~including all operating
 21 expenses, depreciation accruals, rents, license fees and taxes of every kind~~(())~~, of
 22 providing adequate taxi service, plus an amount equal to ~~((such))~~ a percentage of the cost
 23 ~~((as))~~that is reasonably necessary for the replacement of deteriorated taxicabs and a
 24 reasonable profit to the licensee; and

25 6. Consistency of rates with those prescribed by the city of Seattle.

26 C. No taxicab shall have more than one rate on its meter.

27 D. Except for special or contract rates as provided for in this chapter or any per
 28 trip fee established by the Port of Seattle and set forth in any operating agreement or
 29 tariff, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a taxicab licensed by King County to
 30 charge, demand or receive any greater or lesser rate than the following:

31 Meter rate

1. Drop charge: For passengers for first ((1/9)) <u>1/10</u> mile	((1.80)) <u>\$2.50</u>
2. Per mile: For each ((1/9)) <u>1/10</u> mile or fraction thereof after the first ((1/9)) <u>1/10</u> mile	<u>\$0.20</u>
3. For every one minute of waiting time <u>Waiting time rates are charged when taxicab speed is less than fifteen miles per hour or when customer ask for taxicab to wait</u>	<u>\$0.50</u>

4. Extra charge for passengers over two excluding children under 12	\$0.50
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32 E. Special rates and contract rates.

33 1. Special rates as defined in this chapter shall be calculated as a percentage of
34 the meter rate.

35 2. All special rates must be filed with the director on forms furnished by the
36 director.

37 3. All special rates ~~((and/))~~ or contract rates shall be filed once a year at the time
38 of application by the affiliated representative of a service company or by the vehicle
39 licensee in the case of an independent owner.

40 4. Licensees may change ~~((the))~~ any special rate~~((s))~~ filed no more than once a
41 year.

42 5. Rates for new contracts acquired or changed during the license year shall be
43 filed within two weeks of ~~((securing such))~~ filing the contract and prior to implementing
44 the contracted rate.

45 F. Every for-hire vehicle licensee shall, before commencing operating, file all
46 rates and charges with the director. All rates and charges shall be conspicuously
47 displayed inside the for-hire vehicle so as to be readily ~~((discernible to))~~ viewed by the
48 passenger. The manner of ~~((such))~~ posting will be prescribed by the director.

49 G. The rates specified in this section shall not apply to transportation of persons
50 provided pursuant to a written contract ~~((which))~~ that establishes a fare at a different rate
51 for specified transportation and that has been previously filed with the director~~((;~~
52 ~~provided, that)).~~ N((n))o contract may include any provision ~~((the effect of which is to))~~

53 that directly or indirectly requires exclusive use of the transportation services of the
54 contracting taxicab vehicle.

55 H. It is unlawful to make any discriminatory charges to any person, or to make
56 any rebate or in any manner reduce the charge to any person, unless ~~((such is in~~
57 ~~conformity with))~~ the charge conforms to the discounts~~((/))~~ or surcharges contained in the
58 filed rates.

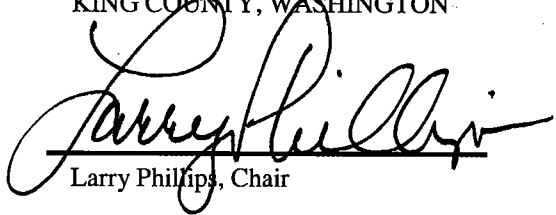
59 I. It is unlawful under the Americans with Disabilities Act to charge a special
60 service vehicle rate which is different from the taxicab rates adopted in subsection D of
61 this section, except in those instances where the transportation of disabled persons is
62 pursuant to a written contract as specified in subsection G of this section.

63 SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect on the latter of March 25, 2005, or when
64 the county records, elections and licensing services division files with the clerk of the
65 council a notice confirming that Seattle Council Bill 115115 establishing the same rate
66 increase has taken effect along with a copy of Seattle Council Bill 115115.
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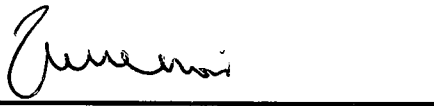
Ordinance 15132 was introduced on 1/10/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 2/28/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Pelz, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr.
Irons and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Constantine

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 8 day of March, 2005.


Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None