

ORDINANCE NO. 185723

*Increase taxi company and taxi vehicle fees (Ordinance; amend Code Sections 16.40.590 and 16.40.430)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Portland City Code Chapter 16.40 regulates taxicabs operated within the City of Portland.
2. Portland City Code Section 16.40.590 Fee Table establishes the application, permit, and renewal fees for taxi company and taxi vehicle permits. Currently, the permit fees for initial taxi company permits are \$1,250 per year and taxi company yearly renewals are \$500. Initial taxi company vehicle fees are \$225 per year, and renewals are \$180 per vehicle per year.
3. The January 2012 Taxi Driver Labor Market Study found that the average potential yearly income via taxi driver payments is \$26,000 per year per vehicle.
4. The Revenue Bureau and the Private For-Hire Transportation Board of Review (the Board) agree that, despite increases in 2009, taxi company permit fees and vehicle permit fees are insufficient to fund the required regulatory oversight, and that additional staff are needed to adequately enforce current ordinances and provide oversight and evaluation of permitted companies.
5. The Board voted on October 10, 2012 to recommend that Council approve an increase in taxi company permit fees, on a sliding scale from \$500 to \$3,000 per year renewal fee, depending on the number of vehicle permits held by the company, in order to fund additional clerical and administrative staff.
6. The Board voted on October 10, 2012 to recommend that Council approve an increase in taxi company vehicle permit renewal fees from \$180 to \$600 per year per vehicle, in order to fund two additional positions for the administration and enforcement of taxi regulations.
7. The City Council finds that the increase in taxi company permit fees is not meant to place an undue burden on taxi drivers in the form of increased daily, weekly or monthly "kitty" payments or other payments required by taxi companies.
8. The City Council finds an increase in taxi company and taxi vehicle permit fees, and the required review and approval by the Director or his or her designee of changes to fees and payments required from taxi drivers, are necessary means of ensuring public safety and welfare with regard to private-for-hire transportation in the City of Portland by (1) providing additional resources for monitoring compliance and

enforcement of regulations related to safety and convenience of the public; (2) protecting the public from unsafe vehicles and drivers; (3) providing for the safe, fair and efficient operation of for-hire transportation services; and (4) recognizing that the industry constitutes an essential part of the City's transportation system and as such regulation is necessary to insure public safety is protected, the public need provided, and the public convenience promoted.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. PCC Subsection 16.40.590 A. is hereby amended as follows:

A. The following table outlines the fee costs associated with this Chapter.

PERMIT and APPLICATION FEES				
PERMIT TYPE	APPLICATION (nonrefundable)	INITIAL PERMIT	RENEWAL	REPLACEMENT
Taxi/LPT Driver	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$25
Pedicab Driver	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$10
LPT Company	\$250	\$500	\$500	\$75
Taxi Company <u>< 25 permitted vehicles</u>	\$250	\$1,250	\$500	\$75
Taxi Company <u>25-50 permitted vehicles</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$1,250</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$75</u>
Taxi Company <u>50-100 Permitted vehicles</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$1,250</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$75</u>
Taxi Company <u>> 100 permitted vehicles</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$1,250</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$75</u>
Pedicab Company	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$75
<u>Taxi Vehicle</u>	N/A	\$225	\$180 <u>\$600</u>	\$75
<u>LPT Vehicle</u>	N/A	<u>\$225</u>	<u>\$180</u>	<u>\$75</u>

Pedicab	N/A	\$25	\$25	\$10
GENERAL FEES				
Moving Decals or Taxiplates to Another Vehicle	\$150			
Temporary Decals During Vehicle Repair	\$25			

- B.** Fees are rounded up to a full monthly rate when being prorated for any particular decal, taxiplate or permit, regardless of what date of the month the fee is actually paid on.
- C.** For the purposes of this Fee Table Schedule, pedicabs are not considered to be LPT vehicles and are treated separately.
- b. Amend PCC 16.40.430 as follows:
- 16.40.430 Financial and Operating Restrictions ~~Data and Reporting~~
- c. Add Subsections PCC 16.40.430 D. – F. as follows:
- D.** All permitted taxi companies must submit to the Director, or his or her designee, a comprehensive accounting of all current payments required from drivers to the taxi company as of October 1, 2012;
- E.** Any payments or fees charged by taxi companies to drivers may not be raised or modified without the review and approval of the Director, or his or her designee, after receiving written application from the taxi company.
- F.** The Director or his or her designee will review the application in accordance with the criteria established in Administrative Rule.

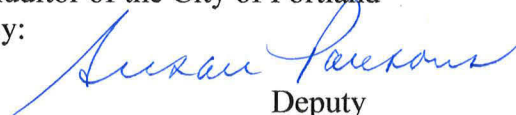
Section 2. The Council declares an emergency because it is necessary that these rates be established as soon as possible. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council

Passed by the Council: NOV 07 2012

Commissioner: Mayor Sam Adams
 Prepared by: Kathleen Butler
 Date Prepared: November 1, 2012

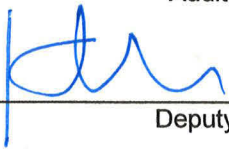


LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
 Auditor of the City of Portland

By:


 Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>NOV 02 2012</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Leonard	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By:  Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: OMF/Revenue CAO: Jack D. Graham Bureau Head: Thomas W. Lannon 	ACTION TAKEN:
Prepared by: Kathleen Butler Date Prepared: October 26, 2012	
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date November 7, 2012	
City Attorney Approval:  required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter	

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> 5 of 6 Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT
REGULAR [<input type="checkbox"/>] Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Leonard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	