



Licensing Committee

Date: Friday, 18 March 2022
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976,

PART II SECTION 65(2)(a)

FIXING OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

Dorset Council are proposing that the following Table of Fares which will come into effect on 1 April 2022 for the whole of the district **apart from** the area known as the Weymouth & Portland Zone, which is the area previously covered by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council.

Tariff 1: Day Rate	Chargeable from 7 am until 11 pm
Initial Charge	£3.00
First Mile	£4.40
Each Additional Mile	£2.80

Tariff 2: Day Rate	Chargeable from 11 pm until 7 am and on Sunday's and Bank Holidays except where tariff 3 applies
Initial Charge	£4.50
First Mile	£6.60
Each Additional Mile	£4.20

Tariff 3: Day Rate	Chargeable on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Plus from 6 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
Initial Charge	£6.00
First Mile	£8.80
Each Additional Mile	£5.60

Extras	
NO CHARGE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE DOG OR WHEELCHAIR	
Proprietors of Hackney Carriages licensed to carry <u>and actually carrying</u> 5, 6, 7, or 8 passengers are entitled to Charge 1 and ½ times each Tariff.	
For the soiling of the vehicle by the passenger(s) / animals	£80
For each item of luggage, bicycle, perambulator or animal	30p

Detailed Breakdown	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
Initial distance (All tariffs)	880.03 yards		
Subsequent additional distance units	125.71 yards		
Subsequent additional fare units	20 pence	30 pence	40 pence
Time unit (meter not recording distance)	60 seconds	60 seconds	60 seconds
Each additional time unit	30 pence	40 pence	60 pence

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I would like to comment that the cost of living since our last rate rise in Dorchester (2011) has risen by just short of 30%.

If the council were to use this as a guide, the running rate per mile at the tariff 1 rate should be around £2.60 per mile.

My feeling is that the council have a duty to ensure taxi drivers can earn a living that keeps up with inflation year on year, this surely would enable drivers to not only earn a living but would also lead to a better service to the customer, providing better vehicles and such like.

I think the council needs to apply a maximum rate that reflects the rise in inflation since 2011, and this rate should be increased at least every 2 years to keep up with inflation if needed.

If drivers then choose to run at a cheaper rate then so be it.

I feel that the council taxi licensing inspectors need to be making much more regular checks on vehicle condition, standards and cleanliness, as it is inevitable that some drivers will choose to run at a cheaper rate.

A tariff rate rise is long over due in the West Dorset area.

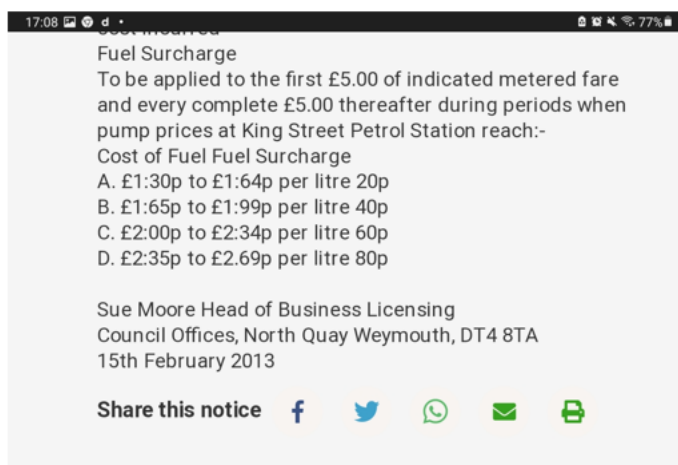
Kind regards
(Abcars Taxis & AML Executive Cars)

On the Weymouth and Portland HC Tariff card (2013) there was a provision to add a fuel surcharge onto fares if fuel prices reached certain prices. This was to help aid the offset of high fuel prices

Could we please look at bringing this back in to effect ASAP considering the current prices of and the daily increase.

It is expected within the next week, if not sooner to reach £2 per litre (Diesel).

I have attached a screenshot of the 2013 tariff card for guidance.



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