

INCREASE IN COSTS AND POTENTIAL FARE INCREASE

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ALTHOUGH THE DECISION IS YOURS, I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING TARIFF CHANGES MAY BE ACCEPTABLE.

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TARIFF 2:- £4.50 FOR THE FIRST 700 YARDS AND 3 MINUTES OR PART TIME & DISTANCE COMBINATION THEREOF. 20p FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT 180 YARDS AND 25 SECONDS AS ABOVE.

EXTRA CHARGES ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE 30p

BANK HOLIDAYS AS EXISTING BUT TO INCLUDE EASTER SUNDAY +50%

CHRISTMAS DAY BOXING DAY NEW YEARS DAY AS EXISTING +100%

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Teresa Bailey

From: mikestokell@stt.tn.gov
Sent: 30 October 2023 15:01
To: Teresa Bailey
Subject: fare increase
Attachments: t bailey attn 23.jpg

Hi Teresa

Please see attached, the signatures of the 17 licensed drivers plus myself who are requesting the fare increase. I have also spoken with Ian Pescott who has no objection and also Gary and Mandy from 1st for cabs.

The signatories are :-

- 1 Myself
- 2 J Simmons
- 4 J Parkinson
- 5 N Baxter
- 6 V Vickers
- 9 A Hussey
- 10 K Wright
- 11 J Ketteringham
- 12 Tanya Mayhew
- 14 A Goodchild
- 15 N Banham
- 16 I Lightfoot
- 17 O Lawrence
- 18 L Paredes
- 19 P Knappett
- 21 T Goodwin
- 22 S Cocks
- 26 A Mann

Kind regards

Mike

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Hi Teresa,

Below is a notice I have posted on our drives board in the office. They are in the process of signing their agreement.

I know that you are keen to reconcile tariffs for both the North and South of the district. I cannot however, see how this can be achieved without seriously injuring our trade in Felixstowe. East Suffolk South, is currently ranked number 276, with a 2 mile fare charged at £6.20. East Suffolk North, is currently ranked number 20, with a 2 mile fare charged at £8.40. Reconciling the two halves of the district would result in an increase of 34% over and above 2 miles. This would effectively kill the business in Felixstowe which is the only part of the South with predominantly Hackney Carriages.

The North tariff also includes rate increases over the weekend from 2300 Saturday until 0700 Monday. This includes all of Sunday day and night which would seriously affect Church goers (particularly the elderly) and Sunday staff going to and from work for which they do not get paid extra. The extra passenger charge is 4 times the charge in the South. The only period when the South seem to be better off is over the Christmas Period and I really can't get my head round how Tariff 3 in the North was arrived at. Please bear in mind that most of the trade in the South are Private Hire and unaffected by set tariffs and, whilst we as a company currently have 3 Private Hire Drivers, that is so that they can learn and pass the Hackney test as soon as possible whilst learning on the job. All the rest of the trade in Felixstowe is Hackney. Please note also, that our PH vehicles are fitted with meters set at your current Hackney South tariff, which must be used for all journeys. This is to ensure that customers are always charged the same fares irrespective of the type of licensed vehicle used. Digitalized tracking and dispatch programs used by larger Private Hire operators allow for direct payment to the operator at the time of booking; a percentage is then taken and the rest is paid to the driver. We do not operate in this way, the drivers are paid in full by the customer to the driver, no commission is payable.

Licenses, Insurance premiums, Fuel and vehicle costs, especially have increased dramatically since our last increase. These costs have to be past on to the customer. I have calculated the bare minimum required to meet expected further increases particularly in Fuel bearing in mind the problems in the Middle East.

Kind regards

Mike