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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA

Friday, March 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

Link: https://cambridgema.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uKurbadSRcSEK5qzC735cq

This meeting is being held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.

Public Testimony Matters

The following are matters which the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed, and for which public testimony may be taken. The public may also submit comments on any of the below via email at hackney@cambridgema.gov.

1) **Consideration of Hackney Fare Rates** Discussion as to possible amendments to the current fare structure used by licensed Cambridge Hackney drivers. Attached is a proposal of changes which was previously discussed and amended on February 27, 2024. The Board will accept written testimony as to the proposed rates until March 14, 2024. Comments can be sent to hackney@cambridgema.gov. Testimony will also be accepted at the meeting. The Board may vote on changes at the meeting or may take under advisement. The intent is to make any changes at this meeting and/or prior to Spring renewals when meters on all hackney vehicles must be sealed.

For the Board of License Commissioners

Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair

PROPOSED CHANGES TO HACKNEY METER RATES

2/28/2024

On February 27, 2024, the Board of License Commissioners (“Board”) held a meeting to discuss the proposed fare fee changes published to the Hackney community and the public on February 13, 2024. Although the meeting was sparsely attended by the Hackney community and there were no members of the general public in attendance, the Board was able to hear testimony from Hackney medallion owners and drivers. In addition, the Board considered all email communications previously sent to it by Hackney medallion owners and drivers. Finally, the Board also considered information gathered by Officer Benny Szeto, Hackney Unit, from surrounding communities, relevant City departments, as well as Hackney medallion owners and drivers.

As such, the below shows the current rate, proposed rate, and if based on feedback received another option is being considered, it is indicated as an “updated proposed rate” or “alternate proposal” in red. In an attempt to hear more input on the below, the Board will once again publish proposed changes to the rates, advertise it on the Cambridge Chronicle, post it on its website, and distribute to the Hackney medallion owners and drivers, the Office of Tourism, known Cambridge business associations, the listed hotels, and others.

The next meeting on the matter will be held on March 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom, https://cambridgema.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uKurbadSRcSEK5gzC735cq. The Board hopes to gather sufficient information and feedback so that new rates can be adopted at the end of that meeting. All are encouraged to attend and comment at the meeting. In the alternative any written comment sent to hackney@cambridgema.gov by March 14, 2024, will be considered at the meeting.

Fee	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Updated Proposed Rate
Meter Initial Charge	\$1.95	\$3.80	\$3.80
Each Additional 1/8 of a mile	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.50
First Mile	\$5.55	\$7.40	\$7.80
Each Additional Mile	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$4.00
Hourly Rate	\$28.00/hour	\$28.00/hour	\$32.00
All Trips over 10 miles	Flat Rate Book	Remove Flat Rate Book/run meter	Remove flat rate book/run meter

Flat Rates from Cambridge Hotels to Logan Airport

Rush Hour (Monday – Friday) 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Toll costs are included in the flat rate. Flat Rate is per party, not per passenger.

Hotel Name	Current Non-Rush Hour Rate	Proposed Non-Rush Hour Rate*	Current Rush Hour Rate	Proposed Rush Hour Rate*
Royal Sonesta	\$26.25	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Hotel Marlowe	\$26.25	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Kendall Marriott	\$27.50	\$31.00	\$31.50	\$35.00
Residence Inn	\$27.50	\$31.00	\$31.50	\$35.00
Kendall Hotel	\$27.50	\$31.00	\$31.50	\$35.00
Hampton Inn	\$27.50	\$31.00	\$31.50	\$35.00
Holiday Inn Express	\$27.50	\$31.00	\$31.50	\$35.00
Fairfield Inn and Suites	\$27.50	\$31.00	\$31.50	\$35.00
Marriott Courtyard	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$35.75	\$40.00
Hyatt Regency	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$35.75	\$40.00
Le Meridien Hotel	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$35.75	\$40.00
907 Main Street	n/a	\$35.00	n/a	\$40.00
Hotel Veritas	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$43.50	\$46.00
Sheraton Commander	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$43.50	\$46.00
The Charles Hotel	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$43.50	\$46.00
Harvard Square Hotel	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$43.50	\$46.00
Hotel 1868	n/a	\$46.00	n/a	\$50.00
Porter Square Hotel	n/a	\$46.00	n/a	\$50.00

Hotel Name	Current Non-Rush Hour Rate	Proposed Non-Rush Hour Rate*	Current Rush Hour Rate	Proposed Rush Hour Rate*
Free Point Hotel	\$49.50	\$53.00	\$53.50	\$56.00
AC Hotel by Marriott	\$51.75	\$55.00	\$56.00	\$62.00

***Alternate Proposal:** Remove “non-rush hour” flat rate, and just have the new proposed rush hour flat rate to be used.

Other Airport-Trip Related Charges (Cambridge – Airport)

Fee	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Updated Proposed Rate
Airport Terminal Fee	\$2.00	None	None
Request for SUV/Wagon	\$6.00	None	None
Luggage Handled by Driver	\$0.50 per piece	None	None
Surcharge – Airport Fee (airport entry/exit tunnel tolls)	Automatically Added	\$5.45	\$5.30*
Mass Pike Toll	Automatically Added	\$1.40	\$1.25*
Tobin Bridge			\$2.25*

***Alternate proposal:** Leave as is and keep it with “automatically added.”

Senior/Disability Coupons:

Currently: \$2.50 per coupon, cannot be used on a trip less than \$7.00, limited to 2 per trip.

Proposed: \$2.50 per coupon, can use more than one when ride is over \$10.00, cannot use more than 4 coupons per trip.

Updated proposal: \$4.00 per coupon, maximum usage of 2 coupons (\$8) on a rate of \$10 or more.