

TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

November 14, 2022

City Hall – Alexandria, VA

Hybrid meeting will start at 7:00 PM



Welcome!

Public Hearing:

Board will receive comments from the public in-person and via Zoom

Three Ways to Speak:

- Via e-mail: signed up in advance
- In-person: use sign-up form at back of the room
- Via Zoom: use 'Raise Hand' feature in Zoom
 - *9 with phone audio

Agenda: November 14, 2022

Welcome & Introductions

1. Deferrals and Withdrawals
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of updated Electronic Meeting Policy
4. Written Staff Updates & Public Hearing Follow-up
5. Public Discussion Period

Consent Items:

None

Public Hearing Items:

6. Taxis – Biennial Review

Information Items:

7. Staff Updates
8. Commissioner Updates

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Updated Electronic Meeting Policy

Written Updates & Public Hearing Follow-Up

Public Discussion Period

This period is restricted to items NOT listed on the docket

If you would like to speak, please:

- Submit a Public Speaker form (if in person)
- Raise your hand on Zoom (if virtual)

Taxis – Biennial Review

Agenda Item 6

Presenter: Katye North



Background

- City Code requires a review of the taxi industry every two years
- Last Biennial Review was 2020
 - Significant fee reductions
 - Changes to the City Code to:
 - eliminate specific requirements, including background checks
 - Carry uninsured and underinsured motorist insurance
- March 2021 - \$1 surcharge approved for 1 year

Recommendations

1. **Eliminate the age requirement for vehicles.**
 - Given the supply chain issues for new vehicles, staff recommends eliminating the age requirement for vehicles and allowing the companies to determine an age if necessary.
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1. **Maintain Current Cab Authorizations**
 - Alexandria should provide flexibility for the existing companies to temporarily reduce their size to meet demand without penalty.
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1. **Maintain Existing Fees**
 - In 2021, the City Council approved significant reductions in fees for certificates, driver permits, and vehicle permits. No additional reductions are proposed at this time.
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1. **Increase Existing Fares**
 - The \$1 fuel surcharge will expire in March. Staff recommends increasing the existing Initial Meter Charge from \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Recommendations – Age Requirements

Current Requirement – in City Code:

- 10 years for non-hybrid vehicles
- 12 years for hybrid vehicles

Proposed: Eliminate age requirement from City Code

Recommendations – Maintain Current Cab Authorizations

Company	2021 Authorization (maximum)	Requested Amendment	2022 Recommendation (maximum)
Alexandria Yellow Cab	180		180
VIP Cab	63		63
Alexandria Union Cab	225		225
King + White Top	126		126
TOTAL	594		594

Recommendations – Maintain Existing Fees

	Previous Fee	Current Fee
Application or Transfer	\$4,000	\$4,000
Certificate Renewal (company)	\$4,000	\$2,000
Each Authorized Vehicle (company)	\$150/cab	\$0/cab
Grandfathered CPCN Renewal	\$150	\$25
Duplicate CPCN	\$25	\$0
Driver Permit Application	\$100	\$25
Driver Permit	\$150	\$25
Manifest Books	\$50	\$0
Duplicate Driver Permit	\$25	\$0
Initial Vehicle Inspection & Cert.	\$100	\$25
Annual Vehicle Renewal	\$150	\$0
Transfer of Vehicle Permit	\$100	\$0
Duplicate Vehicle Permit	\$25	\$0
Annual Inspection	\$150	\$25

Recommendations – Increase Existing Fares

	Alexandria	Arlington	Fairfax County	Montgomery County	Washington, DC
Drop	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$3.50
Mileage (\$/Mile)	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$2.10	\$2.00	\$2.16
Waiting	\$0.42/min	\$0.39/min	\$0.36/min	\$0.47/min	\$0.42/min
Passengers	\$1.25	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Suit case	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	-
Trunk	-	-	\$2.00	-	-
Groc. Bags	-	-	\$0.25	-	-
Animals	\$2.00	-	\$1.00	-	-
Snow	\$5.00	-	-	\$2.50	\$15.00
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning	-	\$25	\$25	-	-

Proposed Change: Increase Drop/Initial Meter Charge to \$3.50 and continue to monitor neighboring jurisdictions

Recommendation

Recommend the Board adopt staff's recommendations to the City Manager with regards to 1) the renewal of existing certificates of public convenience and necessity, 2) elimination of the age requirement for taxis*, and 3) the increase to the taxi fare*.

*will require City Code amendments

Information Items