

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 11-064

WHEREAS, Transportation Code section 1122(a) states that beginning in Calendar year 2010 and at least every other calendar year thereafter the SFMTA Board shall hold a hearing to determine, in its sole discretion, whether the taxi fares and gate fees then in effect should be increased, decreased or remain unchanged; and,

WHEREAS, No hearing was held in 2010, and the issue of meter fares has yet to be reviewed by the SFMTA Board since it took over regulation of the taxi industry; and,

WHEREAS, Taxi meter fares have not increased since 2003 except for a \$2.00 airport fare authorized in 2006; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board has sole discretion to determine whether taxicab meter rates should be increased, decrease, or remain unchanged; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes a taxicab meter fare increase of \$0.10 per 1/5th of a mile (from \$0.45 per 1/5th of a mile, or \$2.25 per mile), to \$0.55 per 1/5 of a mile, or \$2.75 per mile; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes a taxicab meter fare increase of \$0.10 per minute of waiting time or traffic delay (from \$0.45 per minute, or \$27.00 per hour), to \$0.55 per minute of waiting time or traffic delay, or \$33.00 per hour; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in order to ensure that all elements of a taxi meter fare increase can be implemented at the same time, the SFMTA Board of Directors directs that this meter fare increase shall not be operative before June 21, 2011 when the Board reviews staff's proposal for an increase in the flag drop rate; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors shall hold a hearing in fiscal year 2010-2011, and at least every other fiscal year thereafter, to determine whether to change taxi fares and the cap on gate fees.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of _____.

R. Boomer

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Taxi Fare Increase]

Resolution amending Section 1122 of Division II of the San Francisco Transportation Code by increasing taxi fares by \$0.10 per fifth of a mile and \$0.10 per minute of traffic delay time, and requiring SFMTA to conduct a hearing on changing taxi fares and the cap on gate fees at least every other fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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deletions are ~~strike-through Times New Roman~~.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 1100 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by amending Section 1122 to read as follows:

Sec. 1122. Fees, Rates and Charges.

(a) Beginning in ~~fiscalcalendar~~ year 2010-~~2011~~ and at least every other ~~fiscalcalendar~~ year thereafter, the SFMTA Board shall hold a hearing to determine, in its sole discretion, whether the rates of fare and cap on gate fees then in effect should be increased, decreased or remain unchanged.

(b) Taxi Fares.

(1) The fare for Taxis and Ramp Taxis shall be as follows: \$3.10 for the first fifth of a mile or "flag"; ~~\$0.55~~ for each additional fifth of a mile or fraction thereof; ~~and~~ ~~\$0.55~~ for each one minute of waiting or traffic delay time.

(2) Out-of-Town Trips. Drivers are authorized to collect 150 percent of the metered rate for out-of-town trips exceeding 15 miles beyond City limits. For trips exceeding 15 miles from San Francisco International Airport and not terminating within the City limits of San Francisco, the fare will be 150 percent of the metered rate except for those trips

originating at the San Francisco International Airport with a destination across the Golden Gate or Bay Bridges the 15-mile limit will apply from the City limits of San Francisco as set forth above. For taxicab trips originating at San Francisco International Airport that incur an airport trip fee, the taxicab driver may collect \$2.00 of that trip fee from the passenger upon receipt of cab fare from the passenger.

(3) **Bridge Tolls.** Drivers are authorized to collect bridge tolls in advance from passengers whose destination requires the crossing of a toll bridge, regardless of the direction in which the toll is collected.

(4) **Cleaning Fee.** Drivers are authorized to collect a cleaning fee of up to \$100 from any passenger who permanently stains the interior of the vehicle or who renders the vehicle temporarily unfit for for-hire passengers because of spillage of any substance such that the vehicle must be taken out of service and cleaned.

(5) **Credit Card Processing Fees.** A Driver may elect to establish his or her own account for credit card charge processing services. No Color Scheme may retaliate against a Driver for electing not to establish his or her own credit card processing account.

(c) **Gate Fees.**

(1) **Cap on Gate Fees.** The mean gate fee charged drivers by a taxicab company may not exceed \$96.50 for a shift of 10 hours or longer. The cap shall be prorated at \$9.65 per hour for shifts shorter than 10 hours. The mean gate fee shall be determined by adding together the gate fees charged by the company for all available shifts during one week and dividing that total by the number of available shifts during the week.

(2) **Gate Fee Surcharge For Low Emission Vehicles.** Notwithstanding subsection 1122(c)(1), a Color Scheme may collect a surcharge of \$7.50 on any gate fee charged for use of a low emission vehicle, subject to the requirements of this subsection. The surcharge shall be for a shift of ten hours or longer, and shall be prorated at \$0.75 per hour for shifts shorter than ten hours. The surcharge shall be in addition to the company's basic gate

fee and any other surcharges, increases, or adjustments to the gate fee cap authorized by the City, and may be collected for the life of the vehicle.

(3) Definition of "Low Emission Vehicle." For purposes of this Section, "low emission vehicle" means a Taxi or Ramp Taxi approved by the SFMTA that is rated as SULEV (Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle) or better by the California Air Resources Board. "Low emission vehicle" shall also include a vehicle that is rated as ULEV (Ultra Low Emission Vehicle) if that vehicle was approved by the Taxi Commission and placed into service as a San Francisco Taxi or Ramp Taxi prior to March 1, 2009.

(d) Oversized Luggage Fee. A Driver is entitled to charge an additional amount not to exceed \$1 for each piece of luggage that cannot be conveyed either in the passenger compartment of the vehicle or in the vehicle's trunk with the trunk-lid closed. Each passenger shall be entitled to have conveyed without charge such valise or small package as can be conveniently carried within the vehicle. Other than the charges authorized by this subsection, no charge shall be made by the driver for loading or unloading baggage.

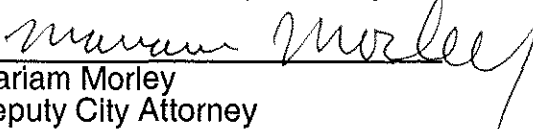
(e) Emergency Rates. During any period of emergency, strike or other impairment or lack of municipal railway transportation declared by the Mayor and affecting the entire City or any part thereof, Drivers of Motor Vehicles for Hire shall accept passengers traveling in the same general direction, though each passenger or passengers may have differing points of pickup or discharge. At each stop for the pickup or discharge of a passenger or passengers, a Driver may collect, or tabulate for later collection at the passenger's point of discharge, the pro-rata share of the amount due as indicated by the meter, and said meter shall then be reset. The rates shall be those set forth in Section 1122(b).

(f) Deduction for Time While Disabled. In the event that a taxicab breaks down while conveying for hire any passenger or passengers, the Driver may not charge any passenger for the time during which the vehicle is disabled.

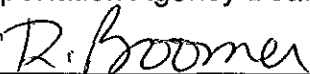
(g) Drivers must accept major credit cards (including at a minimum Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover), as payment of taxi fare.

Section 2. In order to ensure that all taxi meter increases can be implemented at the same time, this resolution shall not become operative until June 21, 2011 when the SFMTA Board holds a hearing on a proposal to increase the taxi flag drop rate.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: 
Mariam Morley
Deputy City Attorney

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of MAY 17 2011


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