

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

REVIEW OF TAXI FARES

In accordance with the requirements of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Highland Council is reviewing **the maximum level** of charges for the hire of Taxis or private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters.

It is proposed that with effect from midnight 30th June 2008, the maximum fares will be as follows:-

Tariff 1;

- For the first 826 yards or part £2.50
- For each additional 138 yards or part .10p

General effect – the price of a hire £3.10 for the first mile plus £1.30p per mile thereafter plus extras*

Tariff 2; applies between **10.00pm and 7.00am on any day**, all day on Sunday **and** when 5 or more passengers are being carried at any time of any day or night, for example, by a "London" style taxi or by a "people carrier" or by a minibus, except where Tariff 3 applies.

- For the first 578 yards or part £3.00
- For each additional 96 yards or part .10p

General effect – the price of a hire £4.20 for the first mile plus £1.80 per mile thereafter plus extras*

Tariff 3; applies on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and 2nd January. It also applies when 5 or more passengers are being carried between **10.00pm and 7.00am** and all day on Sunday for example, by a "London" style taxi or by a "people carrier" or by a minibus.

- For the first 444 yards or part £3.60
- For each additional 74 yards or part .10p

General effect – the price of a hire £5.30 for the first mile plus £2.40 per mile thereafter plus extras*

*Extra Charges

- Waiting time for each period of 20 seconds or part .10p
- Booking ahead e.g. by telephone .50p
- Any bridge tolls or ferry charges, where applicable.

In addition, provision has been made for a supplementary booking charge of up to a maximum of £6.50 to compensate for the cost of the outward journey for hires which commence 3 miles or more away from the taxi or taxi base (whichever is the nearer) and the customer wishes to travel further away. This charge may only be demanded if the customer is informed of the amount of the charge at the time of booking.

When a taxi (or a private hire car fitted with a taxi meter) is called but not used, a charge shall be allowed as if it had been occupied from the time it left the stance or garage.

Soiling Charge – maximum of £60.00 payable by an offending passenger, where a vehicle requires to be removed from service for cleaning in order for it to be restored to a usable state and condition.

The Council hereby invites the public to submit written representations about these proposals.

Please write to the Assistant Chief Executive at the address shown below **by Friday 16th May 2008**. Any representations will be considered by the Council's TEC Services Committee on 29th May 2008 before the new fare scales are fixed.

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