



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO TAXICABS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose and Findings. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend regulations applicable to taxicabs.

SECTION 2. Section 12-1.10, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Director to establish rate of fare and baggage charge—Exceptions—Conditions—Receipt required upon request"), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 12-1.10. [Director to establish rate of fare and baggage charge—Exceptions—Conditions—Receipt required upon request] Taxicab tariffs for fares and charges—Taxicab meters—Receipts.

- (a) Filing of Tariffs. A taxicab company or operator shall file a tariff of fares and charges with the director. The tariff may include fares classified according to the type of vehicle utilized, such as multi-passenger vans, sport utility vehicles, and limousines. [The maximum fares and baggage charges that may be charged to passengers of taxicabs shall be established by the director. The fares and charges shall be established by rules adopted by the director. The fares and charges shall be reviewed by the director at least once every two years following January 1, 1992 and shall be amended, as necessary, to reflect changes in the private transportation component of the consumer price index for Honolulu, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; provided, that the director may amend the fares and charges more frequently than once every two years if deemed necessary.
- (b) In addition to the fares and charges established in subsection (a), the director may establish a fuel surcharge for taxicab operators to be charged to passengers. Every six months, the director shall determine whether a fuel surcharge should be established based on any increase in the base amount and the average fuel prices. Any fuel surcharge shall be established by rules adopted by the director pursuant to HRS Chapter 91.
- (c) The fares or charges established pursuant to this section shall be subject to the following exceptions or conditions, whichever the case may be:
 - (1) When Fares or Charges Permitted. Fares are only applicable to the use of the taxicab when actually occupied by or standing at the direction of the passenger for hire or when occupied by parcels or baggage transported



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~~for hire; provided, that no other charges shall be made for the use of a taxicab for hire except as provided herein.~~

- (2) ~~(b)~~ (b) Posting of ~~[Fares and Charges]~~ Tariffs. The ~~[schedule of fares and charges established pursuant to this section]~~ taxicab company's or operator's tariff of fares and charges shall be printed in bold type letters, not less than three-sixteenths of an inch in height, posted within 12 inches of the taximeters and readily visible to all passengers for hire.
- ~~[(3) Exceptions and Conditions for Use of Fares and Charges Lower Than These Established]~~
- (c) Taximeter adjustments. A taxicab driver or taxicab company may adjust the meters on a taxicab ~~[so that a lower fare or charge may be assessed than those established pursuant to this section]; provided, that [if a taxicab driver or taxicab company owns or operates more than one taxicab,] all of the taxicabs [shall have their taximeters adjusted to the lower fare or charge; and provided further, that such lower fare or charge shall be posted as prescribed in paragraph (2). The taxicab driver or taxicab company may waive the baggage charges established pursuant to this section.]~~ in the same taxicab company shall have their taximeters adjusted in accordance with the tariff of fares and charges filed by the taxicab company or operator pursuant to subsection (a).
 - ~~[(4) This section shall not be construed to preclude a taxicab driver or taxicab company from charging a passenger less than the amount due indicated by the taximeter.~~
 - (5) ~~The fares for shared-ride taxicab service shall be established by the tariff filed under Section 12-1.24, rather than the fares and charges established pursuant to this section.]~~
- (d) Receipt Required upon Request.
 - ~~[(4)]~~ At the end of the taxicab trip, the operator shall, upon request, provide at least one passenger with a receipt that records the following information: origin, destination, time and date of the taxicab service; all fares and charges; the name of the taxicab operator, printed or written so that it is legible; the printed name and telephone number of the taxicab company; a telephone number, as designated by the director, to call for the filing of complaints; and any other information deemed necessary by the director.



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~~[(2) All taxicab receipt forms shall be approved by the director before use by a taxicab company.]~~"

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu