

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 37-78 of Division 6 of Article I of Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 37 relates to TAXICABS, ETC., FOR HIRE, which Article I relates to TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES, which Division 6 relates to FARES, and which Section 37-78 relates to AMOUNT OF FARE TO BE CHARGED.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 37-78 of Division 6 of Article I of Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-78. Amount of fare to be charged.

The rates to be charged passengers by owners or drivers of taxicabs shall be as follows, and it shall be unlawful for any owner to permit or a driver to make any greater or lesser charge:

(a) For the first three-fifths mile or fraction thereof for one passenger, fifty cents.

(b) For each additional passenger over * four years of age, twenty cents.

(c) For each additional one-fifth mile or fraction thereof for one or more passengers, ten cents.

(d) For each * one and one-quarter minutes of waiting time for one or more passengers, ten cents. Waiting time shall include time consumed while taxicab is waiting and available to passenger beginning five minutes after the time of arrival at the place to which it has been called, time consumed while taxicab is stopped or slowed for traffic to a speed of less than seven miles per hour and time consumed for delays or stopovers en route at the direction of a passenger. No time shall be allowed for a premature response to a call. There shall be no charge for mileage when time is being charged for a taxicab that is stopped or slowed for traffic to a speed of less than seven miles per hour. Waiting time shall not include time lost on account of inefficiency of a taxicab.

(e) No charge shall be made for the transportation of light or small packages.

(f) For each hand baggage, grip or * suitcase,* in excess of two per passenger, * twenty cents *.

(g) For each trunk, * footlocker or other bulky or heavy * item, * one dollar, provided that the carrying of same to and from the immediate vicinity of the taxicab and the rate therefor shall be subject to agreement between the driver and passenger.

(h) For each bag of groceries in excess of one per passenger, ten cents, provided that the carrying of same to and from the immediate vicinity of the taxicab and the rate therefor shall be subject to agreement between the driver and passenger.

(1) For each animal not held by the passenger, fifty cents, provided that there shall be no charge for guide dogs for the blind.

(It is recognized that taximeters cannot be adjusted or replaced instantly to conform to the fare structure becoming effective September 24, 1969.) In order to provide for a gradual change-over it shall be lawful for drivers to charge either the fare currently established by this section or the fare established by this section which becomes effective September 24, 1969; provided that in no event shall the fare currently in use be charged after October 24, 1969.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL-PASSAGE: SEPTEMBER 24, 1969

N. B. Underlining is not part of the ordinance but merely denotes new or changed material; asterisks denote deletions.