

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 37-65, Division 4, and Subsection (a) of Section 37-78 and Section 37-79, Division 6, Article I of Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 37 relates to TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE, which Article I relates to TAXICABS AND FORE HIRE VEHICLES, which Division 4 relates to EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF VEHICLES, which Section 37-65 relates to INFORMATION TO BE DISPLAYED ON OUTSIDE OF VEHICLE, which Division 6 relates to FARES, which Section 37-78 relates to AMOUNT OF FARE TO BE CHARGED, which Section 37-79 relates to DISPLAY OF RATE OF FARE BY CARD, and which subsection (a) relates to FARE FOR THE FIRST THREE-FIFTHS MILE OR FRACTION THEREOF FOR ONE PASSENGER.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 37-65, Division 4, 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. 37-65. Information to be displayed on outside of vehicle

Every taxicab operated pursuant to this article shall bear on the rear thereof and on each side thereof in lettering at least four inches high the word "taxicab" or "cab."

The certificate number of the owner, clearly visible, shall be placed under or near the word cab on each side and over the rear window of each taxicab.

There shall be printed or painted on each side of every taxicab or for-hire vehicle, in letters not less than two inches high, the name of the owner of such vehicle, as the same appears on the certificate and on the records of the state division of motor vehicles. In addition, the prevailing rates of fare for taxicabs shall be displayed on each side of taxicabs by means of cards or stickers placed in the side rear window in such a manner as to be visible from the outside. The form, size and content of the said cards or stickers shall be as approved by the hack inspector.

For-hire vehicles other than taxicabs shall have the certificate number printed or painted under or near the name of the owner.

Section 2. That Subsection (a), Section 37-78, Division 6, 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:

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

Section 3. That Section 37-79, Division 6, 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. 37-79. Display of rate of fare by card.

Every taxicab operated under this article shall have displayed in such a place within the vehicle as to be in view of passengers a rate card to be furnished by the hack inspector at cost, showing the rates prescribed by this article.

The said rates shall also be displayed so as to be visible from the outside of the vehicle as provided in Section 37-65 of this Article.

Section 4. It is recognized that taximeters cannot be adjusted or replaced instantly to conform to the amended fare enacted in Section 2 herein. Therefore, to provide a gradual changeover, it shall be lawful for drivers to charge either the fare currently established by Section 37-78 (a) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, or the fare established by Section 2 herein which becomes effective March 13, 1973, provided that in no event shall the fare currently in used be charged after April 12, 1973. It shall be unlawful for any driver to charge a rate of fare that is not consistent with the fares required to be displayed by Section 37-79 of this Code.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published 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: March 13, 1973