

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 37-78 of Division 6, Article I, 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 FOR-HIRE VEHICLES, which Division 6 relates to FARES and which Section 37-78 thereof relates to AMOUNT OF FARE TO BE CHARGED.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 37-78, Division 6, Article I, 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 two-eighths mile or fraction thereof for one passenger, sixty cents.
- (b) For each additional passenger six to twelve years of age, twenty-five cents. For each additional passenger thirteen years of age or older, fifty cents.
- (c) For each additional one-eighth mile or fraction thereof for one or more passengers, ten cents.
- (d) For each one hour of waiting time for one or more passengers, eight dollars. Waiting time shall include time consumed while the taxicab is waiting and available to passenger beginning three minutes after the time of arrival at the place to which it has been called, time consumed while the 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 milcage 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 the passenger.

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

(j) For each required payment of fifty cents to Washington National Airport for the privilege of picking up passengers at Washington National Airport a charge of fifty cents shall be added to the total amount owed under the other provisions of this section.

This section shall not apply when any taxicab is operate pursuant to a contract provided for in section 37-78.1 of this chapter.

It is recognized that taximeters cannot be adjusted or replaced instantly to conform to the fare structure becoming effective August 1, 1977. In order to provide for a gradual changeover it shall be lawful for drivers to charge either the previous fare or the fare established by this section which becomes effective August 1, 1977; provided, that in no event shall the previous fare be charged after November 1, 1977.

Section 2. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining 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 city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk 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 on August 1, 1977.

FRANK E. MANN
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: June 28, 1977