

ORDINANCE NO. 2547

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 37-78, 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 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 one-ninth (1/9) mile or fraction thereof for one (1) passenger, ninety cents (\$0.90).

(b) For each additional passenger two (2) years of age or older, one dollar (\$1.00).

(c) For each additional one-ninth (1/9) mile or fraction thereof for one (1) or more passengers, ten cents (\$0.10).

(d) For each one hour of waiting time for one (1) or more passengers, eight dollars (\$8.00). Waiting time shall include time consumed while the taxicab is waiting and available to passengers beginning three (3) 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 (7) miles per hour and time consumed for delays or stopovers enroute 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 (7) 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, fifty cents (\$0.50), if handled by the driver.

(g) For each trunk, footlocker, duffel bag or other bulky or heavy item, two dollars (\$2.00), 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.

(h) For each bag of groceries, twenty-five cents (\$0.25), 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, one dollar (\$1.00), provided that there shall be no charge for guide dogs for the blind.

(j) For each required payment of fifty cents (\$0.50) to Washington National Airport for the privilege of picking up passengers at Washington National Airport a charge of fifty cents (\$0.50) shall be added to the total amount owed under the other provisions of this section.

(k) Taximeter fares may be doubled on those days on which snow emergency plans are put into effect by the city manager or his authorized representative. The transportation division of the department of transportation and environmental services will notify each Alexandria cab company by telephone the exact time the snow emergency plan is to go into effect and exact time that the snow plan is terminated.

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

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 the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: February 21, 1981