

ORDINANCE NO. 3464

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (10) of subsection (a) of Section 9-12-132 (AMOUNT OF FARE TO BE CHARGED), of Division 6 (FARES), Article A (TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (10) of subsection (a) of Section 9-12-132 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 9-12-132 Amount of fare to be charged.

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(10) For each required payment of \$1 to Washington National Airport for the privilege of picking up passengers at Washington National Airport, a charge of \$1 shall be added to the total amount otherwise owed under this section.

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Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on June 24, 1990.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.  
Mayor

Final Passage: June 16, 1990

## DIVISION 6

## Fares

**Sec. 9-12-131 Taximeters.**

(a) All taxicabs operated under the authority of this article shall, on or after March 15, 1955, be equipped with taximeters fastened in front of the passengers, visible to them at all times day and night; and, after sundown, the face of the taximeter shall be illuminated. Such taximeter shall be operated mechanically by a mechanism of standard design and construction, driven either from the transmission or from one of the front wheels by a flexible and permanently attached driving mechanism. It shall be inspected and sealed by the hack inspector at an annual cost of five dollars (\$5.00) for each meter, at all points and connections which, if manipulated, would affect its correct reading and recording. Each taximeter shall have thereon a flag or other device to denote when the vehicle is employed and when it is not employed; and it shall be the duty of the driver to throw the flag or other device of the taximeter into a recording position at the commencement of each trip and into a nonrecording position at the termination of each trip. The taximeters shall be subject to inspection from time to time by the hack inspector or the department of police. Any inspector or other officer of the department of police is hereby authorized, either on complaint of any person or without such complaint, to inspect any meter and, upon discovery of any inaccuracy therein, to notify the person operating the taxicab to cease operation. Thereupon such taxicab shall be kept off the highways until the taximeter is repaired and in the required working condition, and inspected and approved by the hack inspector or any other officer designated by the chief of police, and it shall be unlawful for any owner or driver to operate or allow to be operated any taxicab without a taximeter installed and used in the manner set forth in this section.

(b) When any taxicab is operated pursuant to a contract provided for in section 9-12-133 of this chapter any provision of this section in conflict with the terms and conditions of such contract shall not apply. (Code 1963, Sec. 37-77)

**Sec. 9-12-132 Amount of fare to be charged.**

(a) 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:

(1) For the first one-sixth ( $\frac{1}{6}$ ) mile or fraction thereof for one (1) passenger, one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10).

(2) For each additional passenger two (2) years of age or older, one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25).

(3) For each additional one-sixth ( $\frac{1}{6}$ ) mile or fraction thereof for one (1) or more passengers, twenty cents (\$0.20).

(4) For each one (1) hour of waiting time for one (1) or more passengers, \$12. The incremented cost of this charge shall be twenty cents (\$0.20) for each 60 seconds. 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 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 (7) miles per hour. Waiting time shall not include time lost on account of inefficiency of a taxicab.

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

(6) For each hand baggage, grip or suitcase, fifty cents (\$.50) if handled by the driver.

(7) 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 passenger.

(8) For each bag of groceries, twenty-five cents (\$.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.

(9) For each animal, one dollar (\$1.00), provided that there shall be no charge for guide dogs for the blind.

(10) For each required payment of fifty cents (\$.50) to Washington National Airport for the privilege of picking up passengers at Washington National Airport a charge of fifty cents (\$.50) shall be added to the total amount owned under the other provisions of this section.

(11) Taximeter fares may be increased by \$2 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.

(b) This section shall not apply when any taxicab is operated pursuant to a contract provided for in section 9-12-133 of this chapter. (Code 1963, Sec. 37-78, as amended by Ord. No. 2380, 6/26/79; Ord. No. 2443, 3/15/80; Ord. No. 2547, 2/21/81, Sec. 1; Ord. No. 2762, 1/26/83, Sec. 1; Ord. No. 2906, 3/17/84, Sec. 1; Ord. No. 3104, 1/18/86, Sec. 1)

**Sec. 9-12-133 Taxicab services and fares for elderly or physically handicapped persons, or for other specifically authorized services, pursuant to a contract between an owner and the city or a nonprofit private or public organization.**

Upon the approval of the city council, any owner, company, association or fleet may enter into a contract, on an annual or semiannual basis, with the city or any nonprofit private or public organization to provide taxicab services for elderly or for physically handicapped persons, or for other specifically authorized services to the general public, to be certified as eligible in accordance with standards set forth in the contract, under a fare schedule agreed upon in the contract. Such fare schedule may differ from the fares established in section 9-12-132 of this article. The city manager or designee of the city manager is hereby authorized to grant subsequent approval for changes to such fares agreed upon in the original contract. Any owner operating a taxicab pursuant to such a contract shall comply with all other provisions of this article, except where otherwise specified. No contract shall be entered into unless all owners operating a taxicab pursuant to such a contract have obtained certificates of public convenience and necessity required by this article prior to entering into any contract. (Code 1963, Sec. 37-78.1; Ord. No. 3020, 3/16/85, Sec. 1)

**Sec. 9-12-134 Display of rate of fare by card.**

(a) 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 a cost of \$0.50, showing the rates prescribed by this article.

(b) The rates shall also be displayed so as to be visible from the outside of the vehicle as provided in section 9-12-94. (Code 1963, Sec. 37-79)

**Sec. 9-12-135 Refusal of passenger to pay legal fare.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride in a taxicab operated pursuant to this article on the streets of the city, with intent to obtain passenger service without paying the lawful fare under the schedule set out in section 9-12-132 or 9-12-133, whichever applies. Refusal to pay for service shall be prima facie evidence of such intent under this section. (Code 1963, Sec. 37-80)

**Sec. 9-12-136 Receipts for amounts charged.**

The driver of any taxicab shall, upon demand by the passenger, render to such passenger a receipt for the amount charged, either by a mechanically printed receipt or by a specially prepared receipt on which shall be the name of the driver, license number or certificate number, amount of meter reading or charges and date of transaction. (Code 1963, Sec. 37-81)

**Sec. 9-12-137 Carrying additional passengers when engaged.**

When a driver has taken into a taxicab a passenger for transportation and has actually begun the transportation of such passenger, no other person shall be received by the driver into such taxicab until the destination is reached without the consent of such passenger, and no charge shall be made for an additional passenger except when the additional passenger rides beyond the previous passenger's destination, and then only for the additional distance traveled. (Code 1963, Sec. 37-82)

**Sec. 9-12-138 Carrying several passengers to different destinations.**

In cases in which more than one passenger enters a taxicab at the same time, bound for different destinations, the fare shall be as follows: When-

