

ORDINANCE NO. 3920

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-12-132 (AMOUNT OF FARE TO BE CHARGED) of 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 Section 9-12-132 of Article A of Chapter 12, Title 9 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

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 initial meter charge (referred to as the first drop), \$1.50.

(2) For the second and for each additional passenger who is two years of age or older, \$1.25.

(3) For each one-sixth mile or fraction thereof for one or more passengers, \$0.25.

(4) For each one hour of waiting time for one or more passengers, \$16. The incremental cost of this charge shall be \$0.25 for each 57 seconds. Waiting time shall include time consumed while the taxicab is waiting and available to passengers 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 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 miles per hour. Waiting time shall not include time lost on account of the inefficiency of a taxicab.

(5) For each suitcase or similar piece of travel luggage placed in the trunk, \$0.50 if handled by the driver.

(6) For each trunk, footlocker, duffel bag or other bulky or heavy item, \$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.

(7) For three or more grocery and/or shopping bags, \$1.00 if handled by the driver in the immediate vicinity of the taxicab. There shall be no charge made for fewer than three grocery and/or shopping bags. The maximum charge for all grocery and/or shopping bags shall be \$1.00.

(8) For each animal, \$1.00; provided, that there shall be no charge for guide dogs or service animals assisting persons with disabilities.

(9) For each trip originating at Washington National Airport, the fee required to be paid to the airport for the privilege of picking up passengers.

(10) Taximeter fares may be increased by \$5.00 during any period that a snow emergency plan is in effect in the city, as declared by the city manager or her authorized representative. The transportation division of the department of transportation and environmental services will notify each Alexandria cab company by telephone of the exact time the snow emergency plan is to go into effect and the 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.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1997.

KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC, City Clerk

Final Passage: March 25, 1997