

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the  
Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Transportation Inspection  
For reading: September 27, 2005

CLERK'S OFFICE

**AMENDED AND APPROVED**

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Date: 10-11-05

No. AR 2005-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ADDING SECTION 11.10.009.F TO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE OF REGULATIONS LIMITING THE LEASE AMOUNT PAID BY TAXICAB CHAUFFEURS, ADDING SECTION 11.10.009.G TO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE OF REGULATIONS REQUIRING THE ANCHORAGE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO REVIEW TAXICAB METER RATES NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY TWO YEARS, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 11.10.009.A AND 11.10.009.B OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE OF REGULATIONS INCREASING THE RATES AND FARES FOR TAXICAB SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Section 11.10.050 of the Anchorage Municipal Code authorizes the Anchorage Transportation Commission to issue regulations establishing maximum rates to be charged for taxicab service and establishing maximum daily lease rates for taxicab chauffeurs, and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Transportation Commission has complied with all of the requirements of AMC 3.40 regarding the promulgation of regulations, notice, public hearing, and consideration of evidence prior to adoption of a regulation, and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Code provides that the Assembly may adopt, amend, or reject proposed regulations,

NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

**Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulation section 11.10.009 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**11.10.009      Rates and fares.**

A. The fare for taxicab service when a taxicab is operated on time shall be no more than **\$45.00 [\$30.00]** for each hour. A chauffeur shall notify its dispatch service at the beginning of each trip based on time.

B. The fare for taxicab service when the taxicab is operated on mileage shall be no more than **\$3.00 [\$2.00]** for the first **one-tenth [one-eighth]** mile traveled and no more than \$0.25 for every **one-tenth [one-eighth]** mile traveled.

C. *Omitted, no change.*

D. *Omitted, no change.*

E. *Omitted, no change.*

**F. Daily taxicab lease rates for taxicab chauffeurs shall be no more than \$85.00 for the day shift and \$75.00 for the night shift.**

**G. The Anchorage Transportation Commission shall review taxicab meter rates and permit lease rates no less frequently than once every two years.**

(AR No. 79-34; AR No. 79-162; AO No. 80-79; AO No. 84-18; AO No. 87-8; AO No. 87-126(S); AR No. 88-31; AR No. 92-110; AR No. 97-82, § 1, 6-3-97)

**Editor's note:** Per AR No. 97-82, § 2, effective June 3, 1997, the Anchorage Transportation Commission is directed to review permit lease rates at least quarterly and report back to the assembly in May, 1998, on changes in lease rates and if additional regulation is needed to contain increases. The report should analyze the amount of this fare increase that is captured by chauffeurs, vehicle owners and permit owners. The commission will also monitor and analyze the statistics on equipment age, maintenance and condition and report back to the assembly on any trends as a consequence of this rate change.

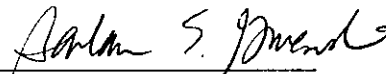
**Authority--** Anchorage Municipal Code 3.40, 11.10.040, 11.10.050.

**Section 2.** The amendments to section 11.10.009 shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

  
Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government**

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Sponsor: Brent G. Fraser, Transportation Inspector  
 Preparing Agency: Transportation Inspection  
 Others Impacted: None

<b>CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:</b>		<b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
	<b>FY05</b>	<b>FY06</b>	<b>FY07</b>	<b>FY08</b>	<b>FY09</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>						
1000 Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2000 Non-Labor	-	-	-	-	-	
3900 Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	
4000 Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Add: 6000 Charges from Others	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Less: 7000 Charges to Others	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>FUNCTION COST:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>CAPITAL:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

No effect.

**PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

The cost for a taxicab ride will increase. The resolution would increase the meter flag drop by 50%, the charge for time would increase by 50%, and the charge for mileage would increase by 25%. Taxicab meters charge for time and mileage concurrently; at a given moment, the customer is charged whichever amount is more. If the taxicab is stopped or creeping along in traffic the meter would charge for time, when driving faster the meter would charge for mileage. Because the taxicabs speed and time required for a given trip will vary depending on the speed of the traffic, it is difficult to calculate exactly how much the cost of an average ride will increase.

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# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 685-2005

**Meeting Date:** September 27, 2005

**From:** Mayor

**Subject:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ADDING SECTION 11.10.009.F TO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE OF REGULATIONS LIMITING THE LEASE AMOUNT PAID BY TAXICAB CHAUFFEURS AND AMENDING SECTIONS 11.10.009.A AND 11.10.009.B OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE OF REGULATIONS INCREASING THE RATES AND FARES FOR TAXICAB SERVICE.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request Assembly review of the Anchorage Transportation Commission's recommendation to increase the rates and fares for taxicab service, to limit the amount taxi chauffeurs can be charged for the lease of the taxicab, and to establish mandatory review of the taxi rates by the Commission no less frequently than every two years.

The Commission's decision was in response to a proposal by Mr. Robert Carl of RJC Taxicab, manager of the Checker Cab dispatch service. The motivation for Mr. Carl's proposal is that the costs of operating a taxicab – gasoline, liability insurance, vehicle maintenance, dispatch fee, permit lease fee, dispatch fee, etc. – have increased dramatically since June of 1997, the date of the last increase in taxi meter rates. AO 2005-102, an ordinance reducing taxicab minimum liability insurance requirements, has given the taxicab owners some relief by lowering the cost of liability insurance but the taxicab chauffeurs continue to see their earnings eroded. A taxicab chauffeur's daily income is the difference between the amount of fares received and the amount paid for expenses (daily lease, gasoline, & car wash). The problem facing chauffeurs is that their costs, particularly for gasoline, have significantly increased since 1997 while the meter rates, and thus fares, have remained unchanged.

The Anchorage Transportation Commission has stated the increases in the meter rate are intended to provide financial relief to the chauffeurs. As insurance that any increased revenue does not end up simply flowing through the chauffeurs to be absorbed by vehicle owners or permit owners, the Transportation Commission's recommendation also includes a ceiling on the amount that can be charged chauffeurs for the lease of the taxicab. The

1 proposed cap on daily lease amounts -- \$85/day shift and & \$75/night shift -- will effectively  
2 freeze the daily leases at the prevailing level. The Transportation Commission  
3 recommendation is intended to prevent a repeat of the increases that followed the last meter  
4 rate adjustment: the 1997 taxicab meter increase was followed by an increase in the monthly  
5 permit lease fee from approximately \$750/month in 1997 to approximately \$1200/month in  
6 2002, to a current amount of about \$1050/month.

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8 The issue before the Assembly is whether to adopt, amend, or reject the recommendation of  
9 the Anchorage Transportation Commission.

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12 Prepared by: Brent G. Fraser, Transportation Inspector  
13 Concur: Denis C. LeBlanc, Municipal Manager  
14 Respectfully submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor

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**Author:** fraserbg**Initiating Dept:** TransportInspec

ADDING AMCR 11.10.009.F LIMITING THE LEASE AMOUNT PAID BY TAXICAB CHAUFFEURS, ADDING AMCR 11.10.009.G

**Description:** REQUIRING REVIEW OF TAXICAB METER RATES NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN OVERY 2 YEARS, AND AMENDING AMCR 11.10.009.A AND .B INCREASING THE RATES AND FARES

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