

From: chris.thomas
Sent: 09 August 2021 08:03
To: Licensing Section; Taxi
Cc: Colin Bennett
Subject: Fare increase application

Dear Licensing,

This is an official application for a taxi meter fare increase on behalf of a number of taxi owners. It is a very simple change.

It is proposed to change the 200 yard distances to 185, keeping the ring-on at £3.00 and subsequent drops at 20p.

Thus, for the first 185 yards or part thereof, £3.00.

For each subsequent 185 yards, 20p

Waiting time to be changed to each period of 40 seconds for 20p.

These changes will put Tendring more in line with Colchester and Chelmsford.

Everything else to remain with the same wording.

I will supply useful detailed figures in a separate email.

Kind regards

Chris Thomas
TENDRING TAXIMETER FORUM

From: mr.chris.thomas
Sent: 09 August 2021 08:09
To: Licensing Section; Taxi
Cc: Colin Bennett
Subject: Taxi fares application

Dear Licensing,

This email accompanies the TTF taxi fare increase application.

The TDTA no longer appears to exist and only had about seven members (including myself) when it did last year, two of whom have passed away. So the TENDRING TAXIMETER FORUM has formed to deal with the specific issue of taxi fares, and nothing else.

The new application, reducing the distance of meter drops from 200 to 185 yards, increases fares:

At 1 mile from £4.60 to £4.80 (+4.3%),

At 2 miles from £6.40 to £6.80 (+6.3%)

At 3 miles from £8.20 to £8.60 (+4.9%)

Last time we had a meter increase, in 2018, the Council badly miscalculated the figures, once Councillors had slashed back the application. (See attached).

Previously, after the initial ring-on, we had 35p each fifth of a mile, being £1.75 p.m.

$(35p \times 5 = 175p)$

The new scale given was 20p for 200 yards, being £1.76 p.m.

$(20p \div 200yds \times 1760yds = 176)$

The Council claimed this was an increase of 5.15% whereas the true figure was a mere 0.57%.

A penny per mile, after 6 years!

The proposed new rate will give us 190.3p p.m. after the initial ring-on.

Thus the increase for subsequent 185 yard drops is 8.1%

$(190.3 \div 176 = 1.081)$

By comparison, Colchester is currently 199p.

In 2018 we applied for a Waiting Time increase of 10%. But the Council slashed it back to exactly 0% (i.e. nothing), but falsely claimed it was 10% by mis-stating the previous rate. My email complaining of the mistakes was ignored.

We have had £12 per hour Waiting Time since the last century I believe, and at least from before 2004. (I can't find older farescales)

We now want to have it the same as Colchester and Chelmsford, at £18 per hour. So it needs to be 20p for each 40 seconds.

I wish to point out that a commission driver, typically on 60% less fuel, currently earns less than the Living Wage while hired on a Waiting Time job.

I commend this application. If the TDTA comes back into existence I will ask it to adopt this application.

Kind regards

TENDRING TAXIMETER FORUM

www.clactonandfrintongazette.co.uk April 19, 2018

Public Notices

**TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL
HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

TAKE NOTICE that Tendring District Council propose to increase the maximum rate of fares in respect of Licensed Hackney Carriages plying for hire within the District of Tendring with effect from 30 May 2018 provided that no objections are received or that those objections have been withdrawn. Objections must be received by 02 May 2018. The new maximum rate of fares will be as advertised on 19 Apr 2018 with the following increases:-

1. MILEAGE

- (a) If the distance does not 200 yards for the whole distance £3.00
- (b) If the distance exceeds 200 yards for the first 200 yards £3.20
- (c) For each subsequent 200 yards or uncompleted part thereof £0.20

In addition to (b) above

2. WAITING TIME

For each period of 60 second or uncompleted part thereof £0.20

See the comparison fare table showing the effect of the tariff changes:

Distance	Current Tariff £	New Tariff £	Cost £
1 mile	4.40	4.60	↑4.54%
2 miles	5.95	6.40	↑4.54%
3 miles	7.70	8.20	↑6.49%
Each subsequent 200 yards or part thereof	0.19	0.20	↑5.15%
Waiting Time [60 Seconds]	0.18	0.20	↑10.00%

A full table of the new fares will be on display on the Council's website www.tendringdc.gov.uk or at the Council Offices, 88-90 Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 1TN.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed rate of fares should submit details of their objection to the Corporate Director [Operational Services] at the address below to arrive not later than 2 May 2018

Dated 19 April 2018

PAUL PRICE
CORPORATE DIRECTOR
[OPERATIONAL SERVICES]

Council Offices
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