

Appendix 2

SUNDERLAND HACKNEY CARRIAGE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

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31st January 2024

Dear Mrs. Howley,

Following consultations with representatives of the Independent Hackney Carriage Operators in Sunderland and Washington, it has been agreed by the three groups to make a request to the Licensing & Regulatory Committee to consider amendments to the Hackney Carriage fare tariff as follows: -

TARIFF ONE:

Monday to Saturday 7am to 11pm with the exception of Public and Bank Holidays and the Christmas & New Year period.

If the distance does not exceed 100 yards (91.44 metres) For the whole distance	£3.00
If the distance exceeds 100 yards (91.44 metres) For the first 100 yards (91.44 metres)	£3.00
Each subsequent 174 yards (159.11 metres) or uncompleted part thereof	£0.20

TARIFF TWO:

Monday to Saturday 11pm to 7am and all day Sunday with the exception of Public and Bank Holidays and the Christmas & New Year period.

If the distance does not exceed 100 yards (91.44 metres) For the whole distance	£3.40
If the distance exceeds 100 yards (91.44 metres) For the first 100 yards (91.44 metres)	£3.40
Each subsequent 132 yards (120.70 metres)	

or uncompleted part thereof

£0.20

TARIFF THREE:

From 6pm on 24th December to 7am on 27th December.

From 6pm on 31st December to 7am on 2nd January.

All day on other Public and Bank Holidays.

If the distance does not exceed 100 yards (91.44 metres)

For the whole distance

£4.40

If the distance exceeds 100 yards (91.44 metres)

For the first 100 yards (91.44 metres)

£4.40

Each subsequent 132 yards (120.70 metres)

or uncompleted part thereof

£0.20

FARES FOR TIME

Negotiated at the time of hiring.

WAITING TIME

For each period of 60 seconds

£0.30

EXTRA CHARGES

For each adult in excess of two in number

£0.20

Each article of luggage (Wheelchairs and Pushchairs free of charge)

£0.20

Each dog or other animal (except accompanied Assistant Dogs)

£0.20

Summoning of vehicle where the hirer has been informed of the charge

£0.60

Fouling of the vehicle (Maximum Charge)

£70.00

We have sought to address the need to cover our increased operating costs during the present cost of living crisis, and in submitting this application have carefully considered all factors.

According to the Association of British Insurers (ABI) the cost of repairs jumped by 32% in the third quarter of 2023 due to large increases in the cost of parts, labour and energy, and insurance premiums also increased by 19% in the same quarter.

The almost prohibitive cost of a replacement wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) is now also becoming a cause for serious concern within the taxi trade.

The average increase for the three tariffs submitted in the January 2023 application was 7.6% when the CPI rate at the time was 10.1%, and when the new tariff came into operation the CPI rate was still as high as 8.7% (only reducing to 6.7% in September). The National Hackney Fares Table for an average two-mile fare places Sunderland at 236th out of 344 Local Authorities (£6.60). If the application were to be approved (and there were no increases in any other area) Sunderland would move up to between 162nd and 177th in the table (£7.00).

When taking all the above factors into consideration, it is felt that the requested increase is both necessary and justified under the current prevailing circumstances.

TARIFF ONE

Miles	Yards	Metres	Fare	Incr
1.0	1760	1609	£5.00	4.2%
2.0	3520	3219	£7.00	6.1%
2.5	4400	4023	£8.00	5.3%
3.0	5280	4828	£9.00	7.1%
4.0	7040	6437	£11.00	7.8%
5.0	8800	8047	£13.20	8.2%
Average of Above				6.45%

TARIFF TWO

Miles	Yards	Metres	Fare	Incr
1.0	1760	1609	£6.00	3.4%
2.0	3520	3219	£8.60	4.9%
2.5	4400	4023	£10.00	6.4%
3.0	5280	4828	£11.40	7.5%
4.0	7040	6437	£14.00	9.4%
5.0	8800	8047	£16.60	9.2%
Average of Above				6.80%

TARIFF THREE

Miles	Yards	Metres	Fare	Incr
1.0	1760	1609	£7.00	2.9%
2.0	3520	3219	£9.60	4.3%
2.5	4400	4023	£11.00	5.8%
3.0	5280	4828	£12.40	6.9%
4.0	7040	6437	£15.00	8.7%
5.0	8800	8047	£17.60	8.6%
Average of Above				6.20%

Due to the complexity of the formula to calculate increases on all three tariffs, it is almost impossible to have the same average increase on every tariff, as each 20p increase on the meter generates a fixed percentage increase.

If the application is approved, it would be the intention to apply the increase no earlier than Monday 1st April 2024.

Yours faithfully,

T. E. Hines

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For and on behalf of
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POS	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE	+ / -
222	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.70	●
223	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.60	●
224	CONWY	£6.60	●
225	DUDLEY	£6.60	●
226	EDEN	£6.60	●
227	FAREHAM	£6.60	●
228	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.60	●
229	HAVANT	£6.60	●
230	LANCASTER	£6.60	●
231	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.60	●
232	ROCHFORD	£6.60	●
233	S. LANARKSHIRE (E. KILBRIDE)	£6.60	●
234	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.60	●
235	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.60	●
236	SUNDERLAND	£6.60	●
237	WAKEFIELD	£6.60	●
238	BARROW IN FURNESS	£6.50	●
239	BASSETLAW	£6.50	●
240	CALDERDALE	£6.50	●
241	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£6.50	●
242	EREWASH	£6.50	●
243	GEDLING	£6.50	●
244	HALTON	£6.50	●
245	LUTON	£6.50	●
246	ORKNEY	£6.50	●
247	ROSSENDALE	£6.50	●
248	SEFTON	£6.50	●