



Policy: Taxi Business Fees, Metered Fare Rates and Surcharge Policy

Date Originally Approved: February 26, 2015

Motion: "That Council approves the Taxi Business Fees, Metered Fare Rates, and Surcharges Policy, as presented; and,

That Council approves the draft Services Contract Agreement with the Town of Truro as presented and authorizes staff to negotiate the terms of the agreement with the Town of Truro."  
Motion Carried.

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## **Taxi Business Fees, Metered Fare Rates, and Surcharges Policy**

### **Purpose**

To establish the business fees, metered fare rates, and allowable surcharges applicable to all taxis operating in the Municipality of the County of Colchester and pursuant to the Taxi By-Law.

### **Licensing Fees**

1. Taxi license fees shall be as follows:
  - a. Owner's License – Annual Fee (per vehicle): \$25.00
  - b. Owner's License – Transfer Fee: \$10.00
  - c. Driver's License – Annual Fee: \$5.00
2. The replacement fee for a destroyed, lost, or stolen owner's license shall be \$5.00.
3. No license fee is refundable upon suspension, revocation or termination for any reason for any license granted under the Taxi By-Law.

### **Taxi Metered Fare Rates and Allowable Surcharges**

1. Maximum allowable fares, inclusive of applicable taxes, shall be as follows:
  - a. Drop Rate: \$3.10
  - b. Mileage Rate: \$2.50 per mile or \$0.25 per 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile.
  - c. Waiting Time: 5 minutes grace shall be allowed on pick-ups, and the \$0.10 for each 16.4 seconds or \$22.00 per hour.
2. A twenty-five cent surcharge is permitted for all fares between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. The following surcharges may be made at the discretion of the operator:
  - a. A twenty-five charge for each additional passenger.
  - b. One dollar for each trunk.
  - c. Twenty-five cents for each piece of luggage handled by the driver.
  - d. ten cents for each parcel or bag of groceries handled by the driver.
  - e. \$50.00 for soiling the interior of the taxi with vomit or bodily fluid.
4. Children under the age of five shall be free when accompanied by an adult.
5. The following rates shall apply to limousines, as defined in the Taxi By-Law:

- a. One hour minimum: \$60.00
  - b. Each extra hour: \$25.00
  - c. 2 day – 4 hour: \$120.00
  - d. One day – 8 hour: \$200.00
  - e. each extra hour: \$20.00
6. Every taxi driver shall have a taxi meter installed in their vehicle, and operate it in accordance with the Taxi By-Law.
  7. Every taxi driver shall charge fares no greater than those set out in this Policy. Any taxi driver who receives or demands a fare greater than the fares set out in this Policy shall be guilty of an offence under the Taxi By-Law, provided, however, that it shall not be an offence for a driver to accept a gratuity voluntarily offered by a passenger.
  8. No taxi driver shall demand any additional fee for the transportation of wheelchairs, walkers, dogs accompanying passengers with disabilities, if such dogs are trained to assist a person with a disability, or for escorting passengers with disabilities to and from the first accessible door of their pick-up or destination.
  9. Every Taxi Driver shall post a copy of the maximum fares set out in this Policy in the inside of the Taxi where such fares are clearly visible to passengers.

#### **Enforcement of this Policy**

1. Under the direction of Council, the CAO or designate of the Municipality shall have general supervision over the enforcement of the provisions of this Policy, and may advise inquiries to be made of taxi owners and taxi drivers at any time.

#### **Enforcement of the Taxi By-law**

1. After having considered the purpose of the by-law, available resources and enforcement priorities, Council directs that enforcement of the By-law will be achieved by:
  - a. a service agreement with the Town of Truro which shall administer licensing of owners and drivers and the inspection of vehicles; and,
  - b. the RCMP will enforce in the ordinary course of its motor vehicle and traffic or highway enforcement.

**Clerk's Annotation For Official Policy Book**

Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Consider (7 days minimum): February 19, 2015

Date of Passage of Current Policy: February 26, 2015

I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.

Ramesh Ummat  
Municipal Clerk

February 27, 2015  
Dated