
HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is to consider proposed changes to the existing authorised fare tariff submitted by the Rochford Hackney Carriage Drivers Association.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members agreed to adjourn the meeting of 9 July following the late submission of a Tariff request at that meeting. The Trade would now like Members to consider a change to the current tariff to reflect increases in motoring costs, in particular, the high cost of insuring vehicles for “Hire and Reward.” Drivers are drawing attention to the fact that, increasingly, a lot of their evening work is travelling into the Southend District, and although recognising that Rochford is a completely different entity to Southend they would like to see comparative fares with their neighbouring Authority.

3 COMPARISONS

- 3.1 The current fare tariff dated 2 December 2002 is attached at Appendix No 1, the three options for proposed fare increases are attached at Appendix No 2, and for comparisons of fares from other Local Authorities see Appendix No 3. Additionally, Appendix No 4 provides comparative data on journeys between 1 and 4 miles.

4 THE PROPOSED FARE CHANGES

- 4.1 The three options provide Members with a genuine opportunity to tailor the tariff to the circumstances of the District. Options I and II are based on the same ‘Distance and Time’ tariff but with alterations to the extras charge. Option III relies on a reduced ‘Distance and Time’ tariff but with a 9.30 unsocial hours evening rate.
- 4.2 At the meeting of 9 July Members agreed that a 10.30pm start time ought to be more appropriate for the District and this narrows down the alternatives to Option I only.
- 4.3 The Head of Service reminds Members that the comparative data shown on Appendix 4 is indicative only as rarely do two identical journeys result in the same charge.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Staff are required to test all the taximeters once the fare increase is implemented this can be completed in one day with four members of staff. Recent changes to the establishment of the Transportation Team mean that there would not be a diminution of service whilst testing takes place.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There is a statutory requirement to advertise the tariff and invite objections. There may be further implications if objections to the fare increase are received.

7 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

- 7.1 The first date Environmental Services Committee could consider this Sub-Committee's recommendations would be 4 September 2003. Any changes would then need to be advertised and objections considered. An appropriate implementation date would therefore be around the end of October 2003.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee considers the report and makes recommendations to the next Environmental Services Committee.

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Background Papers:

Letters requesting a fare increase from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association.

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Appendix No.1

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

TABLE OF MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES AND CHARGES

Commencing 2 December 2002 and until further notice

*Also applicable to Private Hire Vehicles fitted with Taximeters***DISTANCE OR TIME**

For the first 213.5 yards (195.25 metres) or the first 57 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) -	180p
For each additional 300 yards (274.25 metres) or 1 minute 24 Seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) until a fare of £6.40 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
For each additional 220 yards (201.25 metres) or 1 minute 3 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) when a fare of £6.40 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
For hirings begun between 9.00pm on 24 December and 6.00am on 27 December and between 9.00pm on 31 December and 6.00am on 2 January.	Double Fares and extras

EXTRA CHARGES

For hirings begun between 10.30pm and 6.00am also on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 6.00am and midnight (except during Christmas and New Year period).	110p
For all items carried in the luggage compartment.	30p
For animals carried (except assistance dogs).	110p
For each passenger carried in excess of one.	30p
Despoilment charge. (up to maximum)	£75

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Appendix No.2
Option I**ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL****LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976****TABLE OF MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES AND CHARGES****Date to be arranged***Also applicable to Private Hire Vehicles fitted with Taximeters***DISTANCE OR TIME**

For the first 882 yards (806.50 metres) or the first 3 minutes 4 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) -	220p
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For each additional 286 yards (261.50 metres) or 60 Seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) until a fare of £6.70 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
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For each additional 214.52 yards (196.15 metres) or 45 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) when a fare of £6.70 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
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For hirings begun between 9.00pm on 24 December and 6.00am on 27 December and between 9.00pm on 31 December and 6.00am on 2 January.	Double Fares (No Extras)
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EXTRA CHARGES

For hirings begun between 10.30pm and 6.00am also on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 6.00am and midnight (except during Christmas and New Year period).	160p
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For all items carried in the luggage compartment. (maximum charge)	40p
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For animals carried (except assistance dogs).	40p
For each passenger carried in excess of one.	40p

Despoilment charge.	(up to maximum)	£75
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Option II**ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL****LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976****TABLE OF MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES AND CHARGES****Date to be arranged***Also applicable to Private Hire Vehicles fitted with Taximeters***DISTANCE OR TIME**

For the first 882 yards (806.50 metres) or the first 3 minutes 4 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) -	220p
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For each additional 286 yards (261.50 metres) or 60 Seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) until a fare of £6.70 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
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For each additional 214.52 yards (196.15 metres) or 45 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) when a fare of £6.70 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
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For hirings begun between 9.00pm on 24 December and 6.00am on 27 December and between 9.00pm on 31 December and 6.00am on 2 January.	Double Fares (No Extras)
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EXTRA CHARGES

For hirings begun between 10.00pm and 6.00am also on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 6.00am and midnight (except during Christmas and New Year period).	140p
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For all items carried in the luggage compartment. (maximum charge)	40p
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For animals carried (except assistance dogs).	40p
For each passenger carried in excess of one.	40p

Despoilment charge.	(up to maximum) £75
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For the first 882 yards (806.50 metres) or the first 3 minutes 4 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) -	210p
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For each additional 286 yards (261.50 metres) or 60 Seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) until a fare of £6.70 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
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For each additional 214.52 yards (196.15 metres) or 45 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) when a fare of £6.70 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
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For hirings begun between 9.00pm on 24 December and 6.00am on 27 December and between 9.00pm on 31 December and 6.00am on 2 January.	Double Fares (No Extras)
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EXTRA CHARGES

For hirings begun between 9.30pm and 6.00am also on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 6.00am and midnight (except during Christmas and New Year period).	110p
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For all items carried in the luggage compartment. (maximum charge)	30p
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For animals carried (except assistance dogs).	30p
For each passenger carried in excess of one.	30p

Despoilment charge.	(up to maximum) £75
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Appendix No. 3

Comparison Fares with other Authorities

Name of Authority	Implementation Date	1 Mile	2 Miles	3 Miles	4 Miles
Rochford (Current)	2-Dec-02	2.80	4.00	5.20	6.20
Rochford (Proposed) option III	To be arranged	2.90	4.10	5.30	6.50
Rochford (Proposed) option I & II	To be arranged	3.00	4.20	5.40	6.60
Basildon District Council	1-Nov-02	2.80	3.80	5.00	6.40
Brentwood District Council	4-Nov-02	3.00	4.70	6.40	8.10
Braintree District Council	1-Dec-02	2.70	4.00	5.30	6.60
Castle Point Borough Council	1-Dec-00	2.80	4.00	5.40	6.60
Chelmsford Borough Council	21-Jun-01	2.30	3.50	4.60	5.80
Colchester Borough Council	1-Aug-02	3.50	4.70	5.60	6.50
Harlow District Council	1-Nov-01	2.80	3.80	4.80	5.80
Southend on Sea B.C	1-Sep-02	2.90	4.10	5.30	6.50
Tendring District Council	26-Jun-00	2.80	3.80	4.80	5.80
Thurrock Council	1-Nov-01	2.60	3.90	5.20	6.50
Uttlesford District Council	6-Jan-03	2.20	3.60	5.00	6.40

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Appendix No.4

**Comparison Fares for 1-4 Mile Journeys
Between the current and proposed fare tariff**

Distance	Current Tariff	Proposed Op III	% Increase
1 Mile	2.80	2.90	3.44%
2 Miles	4.00	4.10	2.43%
3 Miles	5.20	5.30	1.88%
4 Miles	6.20	6.50	4.61%

Distance	Current Tariff	Proposed Op I & II	% Increase
1 Mile	2.80	3.00	6.66%
2 Miles	4.00	4.20	4.76%
3 Miles	5.20	5.40	3.70%
4 Miles	6.20	6.60	6.06%

The comparisons shown above do not take into account any waiting time that may be accumulated during the journey or any extras. During the Christmas and New Year period when double fare is charged, no extras will be permitted.

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Appendix No. 5

Comparison of Night Rates

Authority	Implementation Time	Charge
Rochford (Current)	10.30pm	£1.10
Rochford (Proposed) option I	10.30pm	£1.60
Rochford (Proposed) option II	10.00pm	£1.40
Rochford (Proposed) option III	09.30pm	£1.10
Basildon	10.00pm	£1.40
Thurrock	11.00pm	50% Extra
Tendring	Midnight	50% Extra
Southend	9.00pm	£1.00
Colchester	11.00pm	60p
Braintree	Midnight	50% Extra
Uttlesford	Midnight	50% Extra
Castle Point	10.00pm	80p
Chelmsford	11.00pm	50% Extra