

UPDATE SHEET

LICENSING COMMITTEE - 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

ITEM 4 - VARIATION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE

Following a complaint that has been received this week officers consider that it is necessary to amend the wording of the current fare table in respect of waiting time and that this proposal can be achieved within the proposal to increase fares.

With almost all of the District's hackney carriages now complying with the condition that they should be fitted with a calibrated taxi meter it is recommended that the wording of the fare table is amended to reflect that technology. Currently the fare table is worded in a way that should a journey, as an example, start on a non bank holiday and end on a bank holiday the whole journey would be calculated on the normal fare plus a 33% premium. The primary purpose of the introduction of taxi meters was to ensure that the travelling public were aware of the cost of their journey in a clear and transparent way. As meters are designed to change from one tariff to another, on reaching a particular time of day (usually midnight), the current wording of the fare table makes it difficult to calculate a fare that includes more than one charging period and new wording reflects the use of a taxi meter.

In addition drivers have requested a better definition of what is or is not waiting time and officers recommend that this matter also be considered as part of the amendments to the Fare Table. .

Attached is a copy of the proposed fare table (Appendix A)

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES FROM XXth OCTOBER 2012

| | FARE |
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| 1. DISTANCE | |
| Up to and including one mile (1.61 kilometres) | £3.60 |
| For each additional one tenth of a mile (161 metres) | 16p |
| 2. WAITING TIME | |
| For each completed period of 1 minute | 25p |
| <p>Waiting time is defined as the time where a driver has been specifically asked to wait by the passenger. Waiting time does not include the time between the driver arriving at a predetermined point to pick up a fare and the passenger entering the vehicle. Nor does it include time spent negotiating traffic congestion or traffic lights. Disabled persons must not suffer discrimination by being charged waiting time. The Council's fare table is based on distance travelled and not time elapsed and it will be a very rare occurrence for waiting time to be charged.</p> | |
| 3. EXTRA CHARGES | |
| (a) For each journey begun on a bank holiday or begun between midnight and 6.00am (other than Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day). | Normal fare + 33% |
| (b) For each journey begun on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and for each journey made after 6.00pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and for each journey begun between midnight and 6.00am on 27 December and 2 January. | Double fare |
| (c) For all journeys made by vehicles which can accommodate between 5 and 8 passengers. | Normal fare + 50% |
| (d) For each dog carried (except guide dogs which travel free) | 58p per journey |
| (e) Soiling charge | £50.00 |

This fare table has been fixed by the Council. These fares are to be charged per vehicle per journey, **NOT** per person.

ANY COMPLAINT ABOUT THIS VEHICLE OR DRIVER SHOULD BE MADE TO:

Environmental Health Team Manager
North West Leicestershire District Council
Council Offices
Coalville
Leics
LE67 3FJ

PLEASE QUOTE THE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE AND/OR THE DRIVER'S BADGE