

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4973

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 19, 1996

Prescription of INTERSTATE )  
TAXICAB RATES for District of )  
Columbia Taxicabs )

Case No. MP-96-57

Pursuant to Title II of the Compact, Article XI, Sections 1(b) and 18, the Commission prescribes rates and charges for transportation by taxicab for trips between a point in the jurisdiction of one signatory and a point in the jurisdiction of another signatory, where both points are within the Metropolitan District.

The current mileage rates and incidental charges for such service in District of Columbia taxicabs were prescribed by Commission Order No. 4197, served November 2, 1993. In this order, we amend certain incidental charges prescribed in Order No. 4197 and adopt a new rush hour surcharge.

As noted in Order No. 4197, the Commission's practice with respect to incidental charges for interstate service in taxicabs licensed by the District of Columbia has been to adopt the incidental charges prescribed by the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission for intrastate trips -- with exceptions we have historically found necessary and appropriate to interstate rates. Keeping these incidental charges uniform for interstate and intrastate taxicab service should make their application easier to understand for taxicab operators and passengers.

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission recently increased incidental rates for waiting time, hand baggage, and trunks.<sup>1</sup> A new morning rush hour surcharge was also adopted.<sup>2</sup> The new rates, which we adopt in this order, are as follows:

Waiting time:

Less than 5 min. -- No charge  
5 min. to 9 min., 59 sec. -- \$1.50  
10 min. to 14 min., 59 sec. -- \$3.00  
1/4 hr. or more -- prorated at \$20/hr.

Hand baggage:

\$0.50 per piece after the first piece

Trunks:

\$2.00 each

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<sup>1</sup> 43 D.C. Reg. 4597.

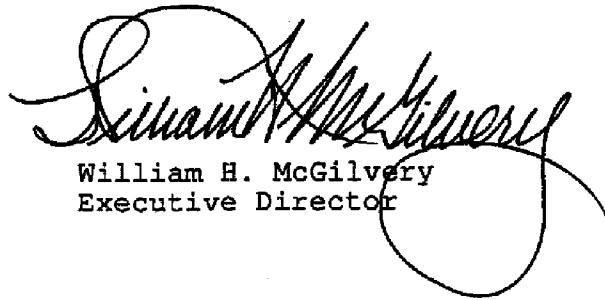
<sup>2</sup> 43 D.C. Reg. 4598.

Morning Rush Hour (7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.):  
\$1.00 per trip

In conjunction with adopting a morning rush hour surcharge, we are removing the restriction that applied the evening surcharge to trips originating in DC only.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the rates and charges for transportation of passengers in interstate service between points in the Metropolitan District in taxicabs licensed and regulated by the District of Columbia are hereby prescribed as set forth in Appendix A to this order, effective Wednesday, November 20, 1996, at 12:01 a.m.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS ALEXANDER, LIGON AND MILLER:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director

Appendix A to Order No. 4973  
Effective Wednesday, November 20, 1996, at 12:01 a.m.

INTERSTATE TAXICAB RATES  
FOR TAXICAB SERVICE WITHIN THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT  
(in taxicabs licensed and regulated by the District of Columbia)

\$2.00 First 1/2 mile or part thereof  
.70 Each additional 1/2 mile or part thereof  
1.00 Each additional passenger in pre-formed party (provided, however, that one child five (5) years of age or younger shall be transported without charge for each individual of at least sixteen (16) years of age in a pre-formed party)

Hand baggage, including large bags of groceries or articles of similar size, in excess of one piece per passenger shall be charged for at the rate of 50¢ for each such piece. Briefcases and parcels of comparable size shall not be considered as hand baggage.

Trunks or similar large articles shall be charged for at the rate of \$2.00 each. A trunk is herein described as a piece of baggage having a minimum dimension or cubic content in excess of 32 inches by 18 inches by 9 inches or 3 cubic feet, respectively.

The charge for personal service<sup>1</sup> shall be \$1.50; taxicab service in response to a telephone call, \$1.50 in addition to all other authorized charges; dismissal of a taxicab without using it after response to a telephone call, \$1.50 in addition to the charge for responding.

The charge for waiting time<sup>2</sup> shall be:  
Less than 5 min. -- no charge  
5 min. to 9 min., 59 sec. -- \$1.50  
10 min. to 14 min., 59 sec. -- \$3.00  
1/4 hr. or more -- prorated at \$20/hr.

There shall be a surcharge of \$1.00 per trip for trips commencing between 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except District of Columbia or federal holidays.

There shall be no additional charge for service during snow emergency periods.

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<sup>1</sup>A personal service is defined as any service requested by a passenger which requires the taxicab driver to leave the vicinity of the taxicab.

<sup>2</sup> Waiting time shall include time consumed while taxicab is waiting and available to the passenger at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for premature response to a call. Waiting time shall also apply to stops en route when made at passenger's request.