

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8091

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 15, 2004

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

Case No. MP-2004-117

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

The current mileage rates and incidental charges for such transportation in District of Columbia taxicabs were prescribed by Commission Order No. 6226, served May 17, 2001. In this order, we amend certain incidental charges prescribed in Order No. 6226, while leaving other incidental charges and the basic mileage rate unchanged.

As noted in Order No. 6226, 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 the incidental charges for service in response to a telephone call, personal service, and waiting time.¹ The new rates, which we adopt in this order, are as follows:

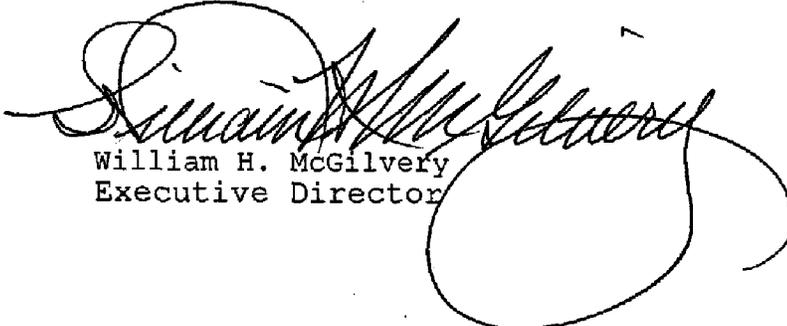
Service in response to a telephone call: \$2.00
Personal service: \$2.00
Waiting time:
 Less than 5 min. -- No charge
 5 min. to 10 min. -- \$2.00
 10 min. to 15 min. -- \$3.50
 Each additional 15 min. or fraction -- \$5.50

No other changes to the rates and charges prescribed in Order No. 6226 are proposed at this time.

¹ 51 D.C. Reg. 4101 (Apr. 23, 2004).

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 Monday, June 21, 2004, at 12:01 a.m.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES, MILLER AND MCDONALD:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director

Appendix A to Order No. 8091
Effective Monday, June 21, 2004, 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)

- \$2.65 First 1/2 mile or part fraction
- .80 Each additional 1/2 mile or fraction 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 service¹ shall be \$2.00; taxicab service in response to a telephone call, \$2.00 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 time² shall be:

- Less than 5 min. -- No charge
- 5 min. to 10 min. -- \$2.00
- 10 min. to 15 min. -- \$3.50
- Each additional 15 min. or fraction -- \$5.50

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.

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

² Waiting time shall include time consumed while the 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 a passenger's request.