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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

MAY -3 1983

SUBJECT: POLICE DEPARTMENT FEE AND CHARGES

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

SUMMARY

This report recommends changes to the City Fee and Charge Report for the Police Department related services, licenses, and permits.

BACKGROUND

The current fees and charges for the Police Department related services, licenses and permits were established by Resolution 80-427, adopted July 1, 1980. State Constitution Article XIII B (Prop. 4) effectively limits charges for services, licenses, and permits to the reimbursement of "costs reasonably borne." Those charges have been re-evaluated based upon the Budget costs for FY 1982/83 and procedural changes, where applicable, in order to effect full cost reimbursement for the City. The re-evaluation was conducted by the Police Department with assistance provided by the Department of Finance.

DISCUSSION

The fees and charges detailed on Exhibit I, exclusive of the following, were reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Budget and Finance Committee at a hearing held on Tuesday, April 19, 1983.

1. City fingerprint fee - \$12.50
2. Footnote (1) added to dance permits
3. Footnote (2) relating to Department of Justice applications added to Antique, secondhand, junk and pawn dealers, and auto wreckers

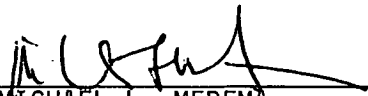
City Council
Police Department Fee and Charges
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These additions to the committee approved fees are added at the request of the Police Department. The final approved proof of Exhibit I from the Police Department, containing these additions, was mistakenly omitted from the report to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution amending the City of Sacramento Fee and Charge Report for Police Department related services, licenses, and permits.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL L. MEDEMA
Revenue Officer

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



WALTER J. SLIPE
City Manager

Attachments

May 3, 1983
All Districts

RESOLUTION NO. 83-347

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY OF SACRAMENTO FEE AND CHARGE
MANUAL FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATED SERVICES, LICENSES,
AND PERMITS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City of Sacramento Fee and Charge Report - General Government
and Police Department sections are hereby amended to reflect the Police
Department related service, license, and permit charges detailed on
Exhibit I attached to and incorporated in this resolution.

MAYOR

APPROVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

MAY - 3 1983

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT I

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
POLICE DEPARTMENT
FEE & CHARGE SCHEDULE

I. SERVICE

Prepare cassette tape from recording master	\$25.00/hr.(1 hr. minimum)
Office interview	Actual salary plus 30% overhead factor
Fingerprint processing - General	\$5.00 plus cost reim- bursement of outside charges
Fingerprint processing - City	\$12.50
Copy of crime or traffic report	\$ 6.00
View arrest record	\$25.00
No record letter	\$10.00 ⁽¹⁾
Service Charge for returned checks	\$10.00

Photographs:

		<u>FIRST</u>	<u>Each Add'l</u>
Black & White	3½" x 5"	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
	4" x 5"	3.00	2.00
	5" x 7"	3.00	2.00
	8" x 10"	4.00	3.00
	11" x 14"	6.00	4.00
Color	4" x 5"	4.25	3.00
	5" x 7"	4.25	3.00
	8" x 10"	6.50	4.00
	11" x 14"	10.75	7.00
	16" x 20"	18.00	14.00

II. LICENSES

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Present</u>
Amusement / arcade	\$200.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$200.00
Antique, secondhand, junk and pawn dealer	\$90.00 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$33.50
Auctioneer	\$20.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$18.50
Auto wrecker	\$70.00 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$14.60
Billiard / pool parlor	\$125.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$125.00
Card room	\$125.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$125.00
Canvassing, peddling, soliciting	\$20.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$20.00
Massage establishment or outcall	\$200.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$200.00
transfer of location	\$200.00	\$200.00
renewal	\$50.00	Ø
Refuse collector	\$50.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$20.00
renewal	\$40.00	\$20.00
Special Police	\$15.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$25.00

III. PERMITS

Card room employee	\$25.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$30.00
renewal	\$15.00	\$15.00
Concealed weapon	\$10.00 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$17.60
renewal	\$10.00	\$10.00
Dance or concert	\$200.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$200.00
Massage technician	\$60.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$75.00
renewal	\$25.00	\$10.00
Searchlight	\$15.00	\$10.00
Sound	\$15.00	\$10.00
Taxicab driver	\$20.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$40.00
renewal	\$20.00	\$20.00

(1) In addition to this charge, the applicant or owner will be charged for the required fingerprint processing.

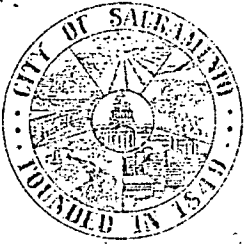
(2) In addition to this charge, the applicant or owner will be charged for the required Department of Justice application processing fee.

MEMORANDUM

TO: SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT
FROM: LORRAINE MAGANA, CITY CLERK
SUBJECT: ITEM NO. 18, COUNCIL AGENDA OF MAY 3, 1983
DATE: MAY 4, 1983

Attached for your records is Council Resolution 83-347 amending Fee and Charges Manual for Police Department related services, licenses and permits.

LM/emm
cc: Revenue Division



Sacramento City Council

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON
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April 19, 1983

Hon. City Council
Council Chambers
City Hall
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPROVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

MAY -3 1983

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

Re: TAXICAB ORDINANCE

Dear Council Members:

SUMMARY

The Law and Legislation Committee recommends the adoption of the attached ordinance relating to taxicabs and adoption of the attached resolution amending the City's fees for taxicab driver permits and fingerprint costs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the Law and Legislation Committee meeting on April 14, 1983, the Committee held a hearing concerning taxicab regulations. The Committee considered the attached staff report from Revenue Officer Michael Medema, and the staff report explains the reasons in favor of adopting the ordinance and resolution.

After full discussion, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff report. Representatives of the Capitol City Co-op and other taxicab operators appeared before the Committee. There was considerable discussion regarding the need for a requirement that all taxi operators use the FCC-approved taxi radio frequency. The Committee felt there was no need to require, in the City Code, that all taxicab companies have a radio which operates on the taxicab channel. Apparently all operators have FCC-approved radios, but some do not operate on the taxicab channel. Some taxicab operators said that to impose such a requirement would

Hon. City Council
April 19, 1983
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merely be an anticompetitive device since the cost to convert to the channel would be substantial.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached ordinance and resolution be adopted.

Very truly yours,

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON LAW AND
LEGISLATION

DOUGLAS N. POPE
Chairman

P/J/p

Attachments



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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE SECTIONS 42.15 AND 42.20
RELATING TO TAXICAB REGULATIONS

SUMMARY

This item is presented at this time for approval of publication of title pursuant to City Charter, Section 38.

BACKGROUND

The attached staff report recommending technical modifications to the City's taxicab regulation ordinance was unanimously approved for City Council adoption by the Law and Legislation Committee on Thursday, April 14, 1983. The staff recommendations were not opposed during the hearing attended by taxicab industry representatives. Certain parties of the industry indicated other amendments to the current taxicab regulation ordinance. However, these recommendations were not amended to the staff's recommendations by the committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the item be passed for publication of title and continued to May 3, 1983.

PASSED FOR
PUBLICATION
& CONTINUED
TO 5-3-83

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL L. MEDEMA
Revenue Officer

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

WALTER J. SLIPE
City Manager

Attachments

April 26, 1983
All Districts



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March 28, 1983
RD:831090-ADM:MLM:ld

Law & Legislation Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: TAXICAB REGULATION STATUS UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report provides a status update regarding and makes certain technical recommendations for modification of the City's taxicab regulation ordinance (No. 82-037) adopted May 25, 1982.

BACKGROUND

On January 2, 1982 the City Council requested staff to prepare a report concerning taxicab safety inspections and taxicab permit utilization. Staff responded on February 26, 1982 with a recommendation "that a complete review of all city code sections concerning the regulation of taxicabs be provided the Law and Legislation Committee for consideration."

Staff presented the complete review to the Law and Legislation Committee on March 15, 1982. The report recommended extensive revisions to the City's taxicab regulations. The focus of the staff recommendation was to provide for public safety and consumer protection with a minimum cost. The report recommended the City discontinue regulation of the number of taxicabs permitted and the rates for service. The staff recommendation sparked considerable interest from the industry. As a result of the industry interest, the committee held four hearings regarding the staff proposal. The committee failed to reach a consensus regarding a recommendation for the City council.

Councilmen Connelly and Shore, individually, in a May 7, 1982 report recommended the City Council adopt a "modified staff proposal" based upon their belief the proposal made sense, was legally sound, and provided the staff with workable regulatory provisions.

On May 25, 1982 the City Council adopted the Connelly and Shore proposal with minor modifications. Subsequent to the City's action, the County Board of Supervisors adopted similar taxicab regulations.

DISCUSSION

Generally, the taxicab regulations adopted on May 5, 1982 can be considered successful. As shown on Attachment I, the average age of the vehicles used for taxicabs has decreased by five years and the number of taxicabs in service has increased by twenty-four between January 1, 1982 and January 1, 1983. Further, the latest vehicle model used on January 1, 1982 was a 1975 model. The latest vehicle model used on January 1, 1983 was a 1983 model. Since the ordinance was adopted, no valid consumer complaints have been received. Complaints have been lodged by certain operators alleging competitor violations of the regulations. To date, these complaints have been either immediately responded to by the violator or found unfounded. Permit revocation proceedings were initiated in two cases. Both were dismissed as a result of the evidence provided at the hearing.

Two unanticipated events have occurred since deregulation. The first was the emergence of owner-operator companies. The second is the persistent holding to the rate levels established prior to the removal of limits.

The emergence of the owner-operator was not anticipated due to the costs of compliance with the office hour regulations, the dispatch regulations and the service regulations. Enterprising individuals, willing to avail themselves on a twenty-four hour basis, contracted for office and dispatch services and met the requirements for licensing. These individuals operate in a similar manner to the "leased driver" operations of the major companies. To date, staff has not received a single consumer complaint regarding this type of operator.

The most surprising result of the regulations is the lack of variance among the rates charged by the eight companies. In anticipation of a rate war, the City Council fixed taxicab rates at the previous level for ninety days to permit new operators a chance to get established in the market. With the minor exception of waiting time, each company was held to the fixed rates. Staff has received reports of discounts offered for senior citizens, steady customers, and others, but the cases appear to be isolated.

Staff did anticipate a need for technical "follow-up" changes to the regulations which would become apparant during the implementation process. To date, staff has experienced administrative problems relating to:

1. Section 42.15 - Grounds for Permit Revocation or Suspension: It does not appear that failure to comply with the requirements of Section 42.6 after a permit is issued is valid grounds for revocation of a permit. In the event an applicant "knowingly" made a false statement on the application, grounds exist. However, subsequent failure to continue to meet the conditions of permit issuance is insufficient grounds for revocation. Section 42.15 should specify that failure to meet any of the conditions for obtaining a permit and the conditions for operation specified by state law or

city ordinance is sufficient grounds for permit revocation.

2. Section 42.20 - Unlawful Activities: The unlawful activities for taxicab operation do not specifically include operating a taxicab without using the required taxicab meter. The condition is implied but not specified. This oversight should be corrected. Further, the section should include as an unlawful activity a reference to operating a taxicab meter in a manner inconsistent with state law.
3. Taxicab Driver Permit Fees: Currently a \$40.00 fee is established for the initial taxicab driver permit and a \$20.00 fee for each renewal. The \$20.00 difference was to cover the cost to the City for fingerprint investigations by other law enforcement agencies. Since the fees were established, the City's costs have increased to approximately \$27.00 and are subject to other revisions. The City should assess its direct charge and in addition collect the actual charges to the City. This will eliminate the need for a resolution each time an outside agency changes its fees to the City. This change will require a resolution to amend the City's Fee and Charge Report.

Attachments II & III detail staff's proposed changes.

Staff has received suggestions from the industry for other changes. The industry proposals include:

1. Section 42.9 - Radio Dispatch Service: The general manager of Capitol City Co-op Cab has suggested that this section is inadequate due to the omission of a reference to commercial taxicab usage. Staff has investigated the radio dispatch services used by the taxicab companies and concluded all are FCC approved commercial systems. If the FCC has specific requirements for taxicabs, the regulatory responsibility for misuse lies with the FCC and not the City.
2. Section 42.20 - Unlawful Activities: The owner of Courtesy Cab Company has suggested that Section 42.20(b)(1) be amended to require the charging of the actual posted rates. He indicated that the current requirement, which only regulates to the maximum charged, leads to confusion and rate cutting by drivers.

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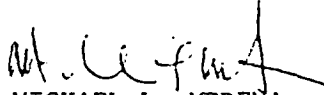
Staff does not support these proposals. The current City Code provisions of Sections 42.9 and 42.20(b)(1) are listed on Attachment IV.

RECOMMENDATION

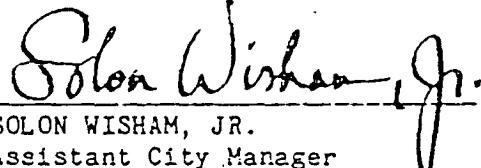
It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee recommend:

1. the City Council adopt the changes to Chapter 42 detailed on Attachment II, and
2. the City Council adopt the resolution modifying the rates charged for taxicab driver permits detailed on Attachment III.

Respectfully submitted,


MICHAEL L. MEDEMA
Revenue Officer

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


SOLON WISHAM, JR.
Assistant City Manager

Attachments

April 14, 1983
All Districts

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
TAXICAB ANALYSIS
JANUARY 1, 1982 - JANUARY 1, 1983

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Company	No. of Permits	Taxicab Year Range	Average Year of Taxicabs	Company	No. of Permits	Taxicab Year Range	Average Year of Taxicabs
Yellow Cab dba Oak Park dba Union	95	1967 - 1975	1971	Yellow Cab dba Oak Park dba Union	78 1 1	1969 - 1982 1975 1975	1975 1975 1975
Sacramento Taxi dba Greyhound dba Village	20	1970 - 1973	1972	Sacramento Taxi dba Greyhound dba Village	20 2	1970 - 1973 1973	1973 1973
Courtesy	8	1967 - 1975	1970	Courtesy	8	1970 - 1975	1973
				Capitol City Co-op	23	1979 - 1981	1980
				River City Jitney	10	1973 - 1979	1978
				Sacramento Metro Cab	1	1977	1977
				Deluxe Cab	1	1960	1980
				Walt's Taxi	2	1980 - 1983	1982
TOTAL	123	1967 - 1975	1971	TOTAL	147	1969 - 1983	1976

ORDINANCE NO. 83-053

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 42, SECTIONS 42.15 AND 42.20 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO TAXICABS

APPROVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO

SECTION 1

Section 42.15 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.15 Grounds for Permit Revocation or Suspension.

(a) A taxicab vehicular permit issued pursuant to this article may be revoked or suspended for the following reasons:

(1) Failure to comply with the requirements specified in Section 42.8, 42.9 or 42.10; or

(2) Operation of the taxicab without an accurate taximeter, or with a taximeter other than that specified in the permit application; or

(3) The taxicab or its equipment is in such condition that its operation violates the state vehicle code; or

(4) Since the issuance of the permit, grounds for permit denial pursuant to Section 42.7(d) have occurred; or

(5) Transfer or sale of the permit to a vehicle or taximeter other than that identified in the permit application; or

(6) Use of a color scheme other than that described and approved pursuant to Sections 42.6(j) and 42.7(a)(2); or

(7) Any other failure to comply with the conditions for obtaining a permit or failure to comply with this chapter.

(b) Upon written notice by an insurer of cancellation, expiration or change in insurance coverage resulting in noncompliance with Section 42.12, a permit issued pursuant to this article shall be automatically suspended effective upon the effective date of the change in coverage stated in the written notice by the insurer.

The suspension shall continue until the City receives written notice from the insurer indicating compliance with the requirements of Section 42.12, or until the permit expires, as provided in Section 42.7(b).

SECTION 2

Section 42.20 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.20 Unlawful Activities.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxicab for compensation with knowledge that the taxicab or taximeter is not authorized by a valid permit or that grounds for revocation or suspension of said permit pursuant to Section 42.15 exist.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any taxicab driver or person in the business of operating a taxicab for compensation to do any of the following:

- (1) Charge an additional type of fee or higher fee other than those fees posted, as required by Section 42.8. Notwithstanding Sections 42.8(b) and 42.11, it shall be lawful to charge a fee less than those fees posted;
- (2) Transport a greater number of passengers than the rated seat capacity of the taxicab; or
- (3) Fail to answer all calls received in the order of receipt; or
- (4) Leave a taxicab unattended in a taxicab zone; or
- (5) Refuse, upon request, to give a passenger a written receipt showing the fare due, and the miles and minutes employed; or
- (6) For the primary purpose of obtaining higher fees, drive passengers via indirect or circuitous routes; or
- (7) Refuse to provide service on the basis of the short length of the prospective ride; or
- (8) Fail to display a valid permit, issued pursuant to this article, in the taxicab interior in full view of any passenger; or
- (9) Pick up additional passengers without prior consent of the passenger(s) already in the taxicab; or
- (10) Solicit or carry passengers for compensation in a taxicab not posted in compliance with Section 42.3, or not equipped with an operable accurate taximeter; or

(11) Knowingly fail to report to the holder or agent of the holder of the Section 42.6 taxicab vehicular permit all property of value left by a passenger in the taxicab within 24 hours of discovery of such property; or

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(12) Operate the taxicab for hire without engaging the taxicab meter in the manner prescribed by state law.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully refuse to pay the legal fare charged for his or her employment of a taxicab.

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CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER
42, SECTIONS 42.15 AND 42.20 OF THE SACRAMENTO
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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S FEE AND CHARGE REPORT RELATING TO TAXICAB DRIVER PERMITS AND CITY FINGERPRINTING COST REIMBURSEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City Fee and Charge Report be amended to reflect the following fees and charges:

- 1. Taxicab driver permit (original) \$25.00
- 2. Taxicab driver permit (renewal) \$20.00
- 3. Fingerprint service \$5.00 City processing fee plus actual charges by outside agencies

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

CITY CODE SECTIONS 42.9 AND 42.20(b)(1)

Sec. 42.9 Radio Dispatch Service.

Every taxicab shall be equipped with an operative two-way radio dispatch system approved by the F.C.C. for commercial use.

Sec. 42.20 Unlawful Activities.

(b)(1) Charge an additional type of fee or higher fee other than those fees posted, as required by Section 42.8. Notwithstanding Sections 42.8(b) and 42.11, it shall be lawful to charge a fee less than those fees posted;

310 29th Street
Sacramento, California 95816
3 May 1983

Honorable City Council
Council Chambers
City Hall
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: TAXICAB ORDINANCE

Dear Council Members:

When considering the ordinance amending the provisions of City Code Sections 42.15 and 42.20 relating to taxicab regulations, please also consider the following recommendations:

I. Section 42.15 (2):

"... other than that specified..."

Amend to read:

"... other than the model specified..."

Managing a fleet larger than one, you may find yourself switching meters for reasons of blown circuits and both scheduled and non scheduled maintenance. Since the meter does nothing but produce information, which is transmitted from a gear box and calculated by a computer chip, using the same model but different meters only, will not affect the dollar value readout.

II. Section 42.20 (b) (3)

"... in the order of receipt; or"

Amend to read:

"... in a timely manner; or"

To pick up all calls in the "order received" is unpractical. A customer at the Marconi Greyhound station, who wants to go downtown, could be made to wait an hour because she may have called a minute after a person, at City Hall who wants to go to CSUS, when a cab is letting someone off at Mc Clellan.

III. ADD Section 42.20 (d) to read:

"It shall be unlawful for any person issued a permit pursuant to this article to possess or knowingly utilize an electronic device to monitor the radio transmissions of any other taxi service or company, while operating a vehicle for hire."

A few people have used scanners to intercept calls belonging to other companies. Attempts at eliminating this problem by contacting the other companies have been futile. Some managements even appear to encourage such activity.

IV. Amend Section 42.8 (b) to read:

"There shall be displayed on each exterior side (both rear doors on all four door model cars) of the taxicab in full view of prospective customers:"

Many interpretations of this section have appeared on the streets of Sacramento. Most companies have completely ignored the word "width" and have done their best to hide the required information from the public.

Thank you for giving these recommendations their just consideration.

Sincerely,


Joe Scardino
Business Manager

River City Jitney Cab Inc.

