

**Taxi Business Fees and
Metered Fare Rates****Purpose:**

1. To establish the process of calculating annual taxi license fee increases.
2. To establish the process of calculating annual taxi fare rate increases.
3. To set regulations for the application of discounts and surcharges.

Policy Statements:Taxi License Fee Calculation

The annual taxi license fees charged will be automatically adjusted and implemented, rounded to the nearest \$0.05, every year by April 30 to reflect the change in the Alberta average Consumer Price Index from the previous calendar year.

Taxi License Fees

The taxi license fees for 2009, will be as follows:

- Taxi Broker License \$226.80
- Taxi License Plate \$46.40
- Non-refundable Plate draw fee \$20.60
- Taxi Drivers License \$41.25
- Transfer of Broker license \$144.35
- Transfer of Taxi Plate \$41.25
- For each list of vehicles \$10.30

Metered Taxi Rates Calculation

The rates charged for the hire of taxis and for the waiting time for taxis will be automatically adjusted and implemented, rounded to the nearest \$0.05, every year by April 30 to reflect the change in the Alberta average Consumer Price Index from the previous calendar year.

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Metered Taxi Rates

1. The metered taxi rates for 2009, without wait time, will be as follows:
 - Rate per 5 km trip: \$11.30
 - Drop rate per 92 m: \$3.20
 - Cost per metre after 92 m: \$0.20 per 121 m
2. The metered rate for waiting time for 2009 will be \$39.47 per hour, based on the proportion of time the taxi waited, calculated at \$0.66 per minute. There will be no charge for the first three minutes of waiting time.

Fuel Surcharge

1. When the price of regular gas in the City of Red Deer is above \$1.50 per litre for two consecutive weeks, according to the MJ Ervine and Associates independent weekly gasoline survey, a surcharge of \$0.50 per trip will be added to the fare.
2. When the price of regular gas in the City of Red Deer is below \$1.50 per litre for two consecutive weeks, according to the MJ Ervine and Associates independent weekly gasoline survey, the \$0.50 per trip surcharge will be dropped.

Baggage

No additional charge will be given to any person for the carriage of baggage or parcels in a taxi.

Discounts

1. Taxi drivers may offer a discount of \$1.00 off the fare for any person who has a valid taxi credit voucher issued by the owner or operator of a City business licensed to sell alcoholic beverages or by the organizer of a social function where alcoholic beverages are served.
2. Taxi drivers may offer a 10 percent discount from their rates for people 65 years old or over and for people who are mentally or physically handicapped. The taxi driver must keep a record of transactions of this type.

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3. Taxi drivers may issue free passes or charge reduced fares to raise money for charity or under a program that aims to reduce impaired driving, if they first obtain the written approval of the License Inspector.

Surcharge for Vans

A \$7.00 surcharge will be applied when a person requests the services of a vehicle that legally holds seven people, including the driver, or that they have requested for moving cargo.

Delivery Charge

When a taxi is hired for a delivery, the fare will be the metered rate plus \$1.00.

Authorities and Responsibilities:

The License Inspector is delegated from the City Manager through the Director of Development Services to:

1. Annually calculate the rates and license fees and ensure that all requirements of this policy are met by the taxi industry and administration.
2. Conduct a full review of all rates and license fees every five years, from the date of this policy, which is to be presented in a report to City Council.
3. Update the Metered Taxi Rates of the policy statement annually in accordance with the CPI rate adjustment provided in the Metered Taxi Rates Calculation of this policy statement.
4. Update the Taxi License Fees of the policy statement annually in accordance with the CPI rate adjustment provided in the Taxi License Fee Calculation of this policy statement.

Scope/Application:

License Inspectors, taxi licensees, taxi drivers, taxi brokers, independent taxi drivers, and citizens who use taxi services are affected by this policy.

**Taxi Business Fees and
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Consumer Price Index	A statistical device that measures the change in the cost of living for consumers. For the purposes of this policy, the Alberta average Consumer Price Index will be used.
Independent taxi drivers	A person named on a taxi driver's license and who operates a taxi without affiliation with, or without using the services of, a broker.
License Inspector	The Inspections and Licensing Manager for the City or any member of the License Inspection Department.
Taxi broker	A person to whom a taxi broker license has been issued under the Taxi Business Bylaw.
Taxi driver	Any person who holds a valid and subsisting taxi drivers license issued under the Taxi Business Bylaw.
Taxi licensee	A person holding a valid and subsisting taxi license plate issued under the Taxi Business Bylaw.

References / Links:

1. Bylaw 3282/2001 The Taxi Business Bylaw –
<http://www.reddeer.ca/NR/rdonlyres/84CD31D8-955B-4629-8F28-C768F7219034/0/TaxiBusinessBylaw32822007EffectiveOctober12007LAS.pdf>
2. The Municipal Government Act –
<http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca/Documents/acts/M26.CFM>
3. Statistics Canada –
www.statcan.ca

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