

City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yeas and nays vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1;
Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



FIRST PUBLICATION No. 1877.

City of Cambridge

- 1st Publication.
Amended see Ord #865
Published July 15-76

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-29 and substituting in place thereof the following."

SECTION 16-24 RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) No charge shall be made for a distance less than one mile traversed by a vehicle sent in response to a call, but for a greater distance a charge of Twenty (\$.20) Cents a mile may be made for each mile or fraction of a mile in excess of the first mile.

(b) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two and (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

(c) If a vehicle is dismissed at a point more than two miles distant from the place at which it was engaged or from the place in which it was then called, a charge of Twenty (\$.20) Cents a mile may be made for each mile or fraction of a mile in excess of such two miles.

(d) Drivers of Hackney Carriages may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers to Logan Airport or to any point requiring the use of the Callahan and Sumner Tunnels a fee of Fifty (\$.50) Cents.

(e) The Drivers of Hackney Carriages may charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) cents, but no such charge shall be made for invalids, children sixteen years of age and under, and persons sixty-five years of age and over. Said Twenty-five (\$.25) cents extra charge shall not be commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

SECTION 16-25. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commissioner shall establish the mechanism by which this rate reduction plan shall be implemented.

SECTION 16-26. HIRING BY HOUR OR TRIP.

When a motor taxicab is hired by the hour or for a trip wholly or in part outside the limits of the City, the person in charge may suspend, with the consent of the passenger, the use of the taximeter as a means of determining the price to be paid. In such cases the price shall be agreed upon between the persons in charge of the automobile and the passenger.

SECTION 16-27. RATES FOR TRANSPORT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ILL.

The maximum price or rate of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chair in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons from point to point are as follows:-

(a) First four miles or fraction thereof - \$3.85; each third of a mile thereafter - \$.20.

(b) A vehicle licensed under this Chapter for the transportation of those who are ill, or who are invalids or who are elderly may be engaged by an arrangement or agreement between the person in charge of said vehicle and the passenger establishing a flat price per hour, per mile or per trip for the use of the vehicle, and in such instance the use of the meter in said vehicle may be suspended. No vehicle licensed under this section and engaged in transporting any person who is ill or an invalid shall, during this period pick up any additional fares; this shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

(c) If a vehicle licensed for the transportation of persons who are ill or are invalids is dismissed at a point more than two (2) miles distant from the place at which it was engaged or from the place in which it was when called, a charge of Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each third (1/3) of a mile in excess of such two (2) miles may be made.

SECTION 16-28 WAITING TIME

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passengers of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third (3 1/3) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-29 BAGGAGE.

Hand baggage may be carried by passengers without charge. The carriage of trunks shall be optional with the person in charge of the vehicle; but, if carried, the charge shall be Fifty (\$.50) Cents for each trunk.

In City Council

Passed to a second reading at the City Council meeting held on
and on or after
the question may be on passing to be ordained.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

City of Cambridge

In City Council April 12, 1976.....

The Ordinance

Committee

to which was referred the matter of increasing hackney carriage rates petitioned by Ambassador Taxi, Brattle Taxi and Cambridge Taxi Company.

Reports, On March 30, 1976 the Ordinance

Committee held a public hearing on the proposed rate increase for taxicabs.

Testimony was heard from the petitioners, Council on Aging, Somerville-Cambridge

Home Care Corporation, independent taxi owners and operators, and other interested citizens.

For the Committee,

David A. Clem,
Chairman.

ALSO SEE THE CONTINUATION OF REPORT.

REPORT

Committee on

The proposed increase calls for three changes:-

	<u>EXISTING ORDINANCE</u>	<u>PROPOSED ORDINANCE</u>
RATE:	\$.50 drop \$.10 each 1/7 mile - \$1.10 1st. mile \$.70 additional mile.	\$.75 drop \$.20 each 1/4 mile \$1.35 1st. mile - \$.80 additional mile.
WAITING TIME:	\$6.00 per hour	\$9.00 per hour.
EXTRAS:	None	\$.25 for each passenger over two excluding invalids, children under sixteen, and senior citizens with a valid MBTA card.

Each of these three changes are discussed below, in more detail.

RATE

The proposed ordinance change would allow an increase from \$1.10 to \$1.35 for the first mile, or an increase of 22.7%. Additional miles would increase from \$.70 to \$.80, or 14.2%. No information was presented outlining average trip mileage; consequently, an average increase figure cannot be readily calculated. The minimum increase, however, is 19.4%. The last rate increase occurred in 1974.

WAITING TIME

The proposed ordinance change would increase waiting time charges by 50% from \$6.00 per hour to \$9.00 per hour.

EXTRAS

The new ordinance calls for a non-commissionable charge of \$.25 for each additional passengers over two, excluding invalids and children under sixteen. An amendment to exclude senior citizens with a valid MBTA card was also approved by the petitioner.

Testimony surrounding this issue suggested that this additional income paid directly to the drivers would encourage more full time drivers. It was generally agreed that this was a worthwhile goal for all concerned because full time drivers maintain the cabs better and are more courteous. Better maintenance of equipment reduces service complaints and reduces chances of increased operating expenses.

TESTIMONY FOR THE PROPOSED INCREASE

Detailed testimony was presented by the petitioners in favor of the rate increase. (A written version of their testimony is attached.) Basically, the petitioners outlined operating increases since 1974 that can be summarized as follows:

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1976</u>
Cost of new auto	\$3,250	\$4,100
Gasoline (one gallon)	34.175¢	48.8¢
Electricity	352% increase in fuel adjustment	
Telephone	32.3% Average increase	
Repair Parts	65% increase	
Labor	\$4.43 per hour	\$5.08 per hour.

In short, operating increases have risen steadily since 1974 resulting in reduced level of service or quality (such as tires) and reduced net income. No income statements were provided by the petitioners.

TESTIMONY AGAINST PROPOSED INCREASE

The Council on Aging testified against the increase, but indicated a willingness to support the increase if an amendment were added to the ordinance providing for a 25% discount mechanism for senior citizens. (a copy of their statement is attached) The petitioners agreed to this change.

The Somerville-Cambridge Home Care Corporation spoke to the need of courteous and helpful service to the aged. Help in carrying packages to and from the taxi and assistance in getting in and out of the cab were mentioned. Reference was made to an existing provision of the ordinance which establishes special rates for the conveyance of ill or invalid passengers. Testimony indicated that this provision was not widely known and that the major cab companies were not responding to this service need. (See attached statement.)

Some independent drivers spoke against the increase, citing the lack of business today and the impact of the expected drop of passengers after the increase. It should be noted that testimony was also heard from a representative of the independent drivers association who favor the increase. As a result of this conflicting testimony the License Commission was instructed to conduct a poll of all licensed drivers.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

1. Councillors agreed to the need for re-establishing a hackney division within the Police Department for continuous inspection and monitoring of the hackney rules and regulations.
2. Councillors agreed that a delegation should be organized to ask Massport to allow Cambridge taxis to operate at the airport.
3. Councillors agreed the special fare for invalids should be changed to reflect non-peak hour service.
4. Councillors agreed rates in other communities should be investigated (See attachment.)
5. Councillors agreed the police chief should inform his officers of the Rules and Regulations for Hackney Carriage Owners and Drivers, especially that of illegal company "stacking" at taxi stands.
6. Councillors agreed the City Solicitor should draft these approved changes in a revised ordinance.



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Six
AN ORDINANCE NO.

IN CITY COUNCIL

In amendment to an Ordinance entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16, Article I, entitled: "Hackney Carriages" Section 16-24, Rates; and Section 16-25, Waiting Time are hereby amended by striking out the present Section 16-24 entitled: "Rates" and Section 16-25 entitled: "Waiting Time" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Section 16-24. Rates.

(a) The price of rates of fares which drivers of hackney carriages propelled by mechanical motors and using taximeters as the means of measuring the distance travelled to be known as "Motor Taxicabs" may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(1) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($1/4$) of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($1/4$) of a mile or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

(2) The maximum price or rates of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chairs in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons are as follows:

FROM POINT TO POINT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:

First four miles or fraction thereof - \$3.85

Each third of a mile thereafter - .20

(3) Longer trips may be contracted for at Special rates by agreement between the licensee and the passenger. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a meter, which shall be of a size and design approved by the Board of License Commissioners.

(b) No vehicle licensed under this Section shall be used for general taxicab purposes. This shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

Section 16-25, Waiting Time.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a break-down of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passengers of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3\frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

(c) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cent extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

In City Council

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 21 1976

VOTE OF CITY COUNCIL ON NEW TAXI CAB RATE SCHEDULE

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann		✓		
Mr. Clem	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mrs. Graham			✓	
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Sullivan	✓			
Mayor Vellucci	✓			

7 1 1 0

Passed to be Ordained



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

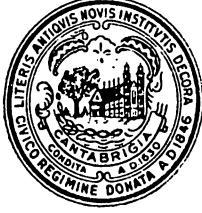
This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yeas and nays vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1; Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yea and nay vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1;
Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

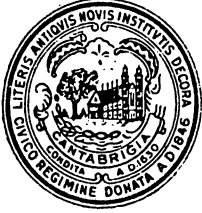
This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yea and nay vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1;
Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

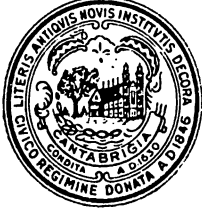
This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yea and nay vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1;
Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

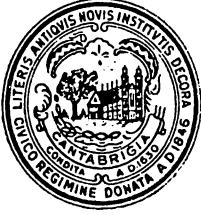
This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yea and nay vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1;
Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

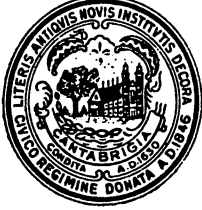
This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yea and nay vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1;
Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16 entitled: "Public Transportation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 through Section 16-26 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(a) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

SECTION 16-25. WAITING TIME.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the

lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

SECTION 16-26. EXTRAS.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Chapter 16 is hereby further amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 16-35. RATE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age and over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in the rates established under Sections 16-24 of this chapter.

(b) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which this rate reduction coupon plan shall be implemented.

This ordinance shall take effect September 15, 1976.

In City Council June 21, 1976

Passed to be ordained as amended by a yea and nay vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 1;
Absent 1.

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

6/29/16 Meeting on Taxi Rates / Ordinance Amendment
2:09 P.M.

Present

- (1) Councilor Clem
- (2) Rob Sidney - Law Dept.
- (3) Helen Hall

C. Clem - Strike out 16-26 from Ord. Book of 259
incorporate that into Ord. 865
~~Keep 16-26 Extras~~
Add 16-35 - late reduction for E. County

16-25 - waiting Time - OK.

16-26 - Extras - OK

Waiting Report Items

(1) Hackney Garage Bureau Establishment

Adj 2:50 P.M.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mayor and all Councillors

Date March 26, 1976

From Councillor David Clem

Reference

Subject Committee on Ordinances

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 1976 beginning at 4:30 P. M. Two proposed amendments to the General Ordinances will be discussed, and they are as follows:

4:30 P. M. - The installation of protective partitions in all cabs in Cambridge.

5:00 P. M. - Proposed rate increase in cab rates from \$.50 to \$.75 at the initial drop along with an increase in the waiting time from \$6.00 an hour to \$9.00 an hour. Also being requested is a charge of \$.25 for each passenger over two, except for invalids or children under 16.

You are requested to be present at this time. I have also requested the members of the License Commission to attend.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To John Sennott, License Board Chairman
Police Chief Nicholas Fratto
Fire Chief William Cremins
From Councillor David Clem
Subject Committee on Ordinances

Date March 24, 1976

Reference

Please be advised that as Chairman of the City Council on Ordinances, I have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, March 30, 1976 at 4:30 P.M. on the following matters:

1. Installation of protective partitions in all cabs throughout Cambridge.
2. Request of certain taxi owners for an increase in rates from \$.50 to \$.75 at the initial drop.

I have enclosed a copy of the proposed rate increase for your review and comment. I would like to have each of you present at this committee meeting in order to answer questions which may arise.

cc. Councillor Clem



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To All Councillors

Date June 11, 1976

From Councillor David Clem

Reference

Subject Taxi Ordinance

Attached for your review are the following items:

1. A copy of the most recently revised ordinance on taxi rates, pending ordination.
2. A copy of a comparative analysis of other City and Town taxi rates.
3. A copy of the latest rate for Boston.

Catherine M. Hanley, 43 Ellery Street, Cambridge, speaker for the
Cambridge Council on Aging.

The Council on Aging is taking advantage of this occasion to request the Committee on Ordinances to recommend to the Cambridge City Council that a specific provision for service to the elderly be included in any ordinance adopted to regulate taxicab service in Cambridge.

Members of the Council on Aging have met with a representative of the taxicab companies (Cambridge Yellow Cab, Ambassador and Brattle) and are informed that the companies will accept and absorb a 25% discount on the metered fare, without loss to the driver, through the use of prepaid coupons.

Door-to-door transportation for many elders is an acknowledged necessity if they are to enjoy any freedom to participate in activities away from home. A still larger number require this convenience if they are not to be confined during the considerable periods of difficult weather conditions, storm, heat, cold--especially for some of more advanced age.

We bear in mind that in this day and age door-to-door transportation by private car is the way of life. But its cost and the hazards of driving are serious problems for elders. The cost of taxicab service is prohibitive for many and a hardship for all but the small number of affluent elders.

Efforts have been made in the past--rather recently--to develop an arrangement. We believe that establishment by ordinance of a regulation will afford the service providers the opportunity to discharge a responsibility to our elderly which has given them concern.

TAXICAB RATES IN VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS

City - Town	Flag Drop	Distance	After	/ dist.	Waiting Time Hourly	Passenger Extra Cgh.
Arlington	.60	1/2 MI.	.10	1/6	\$6.00	none
Belmont	1.00	3/4 "	.20	1/4	10.00	none
* Boston	.50	1/5 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Brockton	.80	1/2 "	.10	1/6	8.00	none
Burlington	1.00	1 "	.15	1/6	6.00	none
Chelsea	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Concord	1.20	1 1/2M	.15	1/5	6.00	none
Everett	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Framingham	1.00	1 "	.10	1/7	7.20	none
Lexington	.60	1/4 "	.10	1/8	6.00	none
Lincoln	1.20	1-1/2M	.15	1/5	6.00	none
Malden	.60	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
* Medford	.60	1 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Melrose	.70	2/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Newton	1.00	1 "	.20	1/5	9.00	none
Revere	.60	1/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Somerville	.55	1/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Waltham	.50	1/5 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Watertown	.60	2/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Wellesley	.60	4/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Worcester	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Brookline	.50	1/5 "	.20	1/5	8.00	"

* Looking for an increase.

SOMERVILLE-CAMBRIDGE HOME CARE CORP.

249 Elm Street

Somerville, Mass. 02144 (617) 628-2601

March 30, 1976

Honorable City Councilors
City Council
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Councilors:

The proposed taxi rate increase is of much concern to the Somerville-Cambridge Home Care Corporation. This concern stems from the fact that Home Care has been given the mandate to provide the social service needs of homebound elderly in Cambridge and Somerville. Of highest importance in the provision of services to elderly within their own home, and thus avoid or delay institutionalization, is the ability of Home Care to arrange for needed transportation for medical, shopping and social purposes. The proposed taxi rate increase will indeed limit our ability to provide transportation to homebound elderly and limit the financial ability of all elderly to pay for a much needed service.

We certainly don't pretend to be able to argue with the financial reasons that have prompted the cab companies to ask for this rate increase. We do, however, have the considerable experience with over several hundred elderly of Cambridge which enable us to emphatically state that this is the time to consider the financial limitations of elderly in the establishment of taxi rates. The proposed discount for elderly sponsored by the Council on Aging, is a good example of how the financial limitations of elderly can be considered in a creative and sensitive way. We enthusiastically endorse this proposal.

Of equal importance to us is the ability of the Cab Companies to provide special assistance service to elderly. Many of our homebound clients have severe disabilities which prevent them from using public transportation. When they attempt to use cabs they need special assistance into and out of the cab. They need help with their bundles; not only in and out of the cab but also into their apartment. This is the assistance elderly need and, in our experience, we have discovered this is the assistance elderly are not getting. Individual drivers do supply special help but can we rely only on a few individuals to supply a service that is needed by all elderly?

It is recognized that the existing ordinance does allow for a specialized type of transportation service for disabled people. But do people know about this service and do the taxi companies indeed have the vehicles and drivers available to provide such a service? I don't know the answer to the question, but our experience would indicate the answer to this question is no.

The financial limitations and the service needs of elderly should indeed receive special consideration. We would like to suggest that these concerns be thoroughly considered before any rate increase is approved.

Sincerely,

James Denning
Somerville-Cambridge Home Care Corporation

JD/md



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • TEL. 876-6800

LICENSE COMMISSION

January 23, 1974

To All Taxi Cab Owners:

Effective Thursday, January 24, 1974, the new taxi rates as established by City Ordinance No. 829 are as follows:

- \$.50 for the first 1/7 mile or fraction thereof;
- \$.10 for each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof;
- \$ 6.00 per hour of waiting time.

After you have had the meter changed, please contact the Sealer of Weights and Measures at 876-6800 ext. 251 for the purpose of having the meter inspected and sealed.

Attached herewith is a copy of said Ordinance.

Yours very truly,

John R. Sennott, Jr.
John R. Sennott, Jr.
Chairman

JRS:pmr

CITY OF BOSTON NEW TAXI RATES

65cents - 1/2 mile

15cents - 1/6 mile ✓

\$7.00 per hour waiting time

50 cents sur-charge after 9:00 P.M. Weekdays)

50 cents sur-charge all day Sunday.) Goes to the driver

Senior Citizens buy a book of rides worth \$5.00 for \$4.00 from the City by showing an M.B.T.A. Senior Citizen I.D. Card. The driver turns the coupons in for face value.

They are going to come up with a similar book for the handicapped but have not decided on the format as yet.

TAXICAB RATES IN VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS

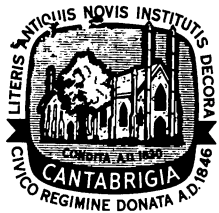
City - Town	Flag Drop - Distance		After / dist.		Waiting Time	Passenger Extra Cgh.
					Hourly	
Arlington	.60	1/2 Mi.	.10	1/6	\$6.00	none
Belmont	1.00	3/4 "	.20	1/4	10.00	none
* Boston	.50	1/5 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Brockton	.80	1/2 "	.10	1/6	8.00	none
Burlington	1.00	1 "	.15	1/6	6.00	none
Chelsea	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Concord	1.20	1 1/2M	.15	1/5	6.00	none
Everett	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Framingham	1.00	1 "	.10	1/7	7.20	none
Lexington	.60	1/4 "	.10	1/8	6.00	none
Lincoln	1.20	1-1/2M	.15	1/5	6.00	none
Malden	.60	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
* Medford	.60	1 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Melrose	.70	2/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Newton	1.00	1 "	.20	1/5	9.00	none
Revere	.60	1/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Somerville	.55	1/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Waltham	.50	1/5 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Watertown	.60	2/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Wellesley	.60	4/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Worcester	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Brookline	.50	1/5 "	.20	1/5	8.00	

* Looking for an increase.

TAXICAB RATES IN VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS

City - Town	Flag Drop - Distance		After / dist.		Waiting Time	Passenger Extra Cgh.
					Hourly	
Arlington	.60	1/2 Mi.	.10	1/6	\$6.00	none
Belmont	1.00	3/4 "	.20	1/4	10.00	none
* Boston	.50	1/5 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Brockton	.80	1/2 "	.10	1/6	8.00	none
Burlington	1.00	1 "	.15	1/6	6.00	none
Chelsea	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Concord	1.20	1 1/2M	.15	1/5	6.00	none
Everett	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Framingham	1.00	1 "	.10	1/7	7.20	none
Lexington	.60	1/4 "	.10	1/8	6.00	none
Lincoln	1.20	1-1/2M	.15	1/5	6.00	none
Malden	.60	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
* Medford	.60	1 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Melrose	.70	2/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Newton	1.00	1 "	.20	1/5	9.00	none
Revere	.60	1/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Somerville	.55	1/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Waltham	.50	1/5 "	.10	1/7	7.00	none
Watertown	.60	2/6 "	.10	1/6	6.00	none
Wellesley	.60	4/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Worcester	.70	1/7 "	.10	1/7	6.00	none
Brookline	.50	1/5 "	.20	1/5	8.00	"

* Looking for an increase.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • TEL. 876-6800

LICENSE COMMISSION

Complaints Against Cambridge Hackney Drivers

1974 - 1976

- 1/29/74 Passenger vs. Ronald B. Woodman, Hackney Driver #12804 allegedly refusing to carry passengers. (Cambridge Yellow)
- 2/19/74 Passenger vs. Michael A. Listro dba Mass. Ave. Cab, relative to conduct unbecoming of a licensed cab driver. (Self Owned)
- 10/29/74 Ms. Lillian Stone vs. Red Diamond Taxi, Inc., Walter Davis, Owner, Medallion #244, said complaint being rude and abusive treatment. (Self Owned)
- 10/29/74 Mr. Roland Joyce vs. John A. Merrigan, Hackney Driver, #13863, said complaint being rude and abusive treatment. (Ambassador Taxi)
- 11/26/74 Ann V. Quinn vs. Larry Freedman dba Seventy-Seven Cab, said complaint being the use of abusive language and an alleged violation of the Cambridge Hackney Rules and Regulations, Rule 8, to wit: "A driver shall not refuse, unless previously engaged or unless the conditions are such as those described of these rules, to carry any passenger lawfully entitled to be carried in a hackney carriage." (Self Owned)
- 11/26/74 Martha Lee vs. Robert M. Ennis for an alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations for Hackney Carriage Owners and Drivers, Rule 8, Section IV, to wit: "A driver shall not refuse, unless previously engaged or unless the conditions are such as those described of these rules, to carry any passenger lawfully entitled to be carried in a hackney carriage." (Seventy-Seven Cab)
- 12/17/74 Toni Shatzman vs. Ronald B. Woodman, Hackney Driver #12804, for alleged misconduct while operating a taxi cab in the City of Cambridge. (Cambridge Yellow)
- 4/8/75 Gail Selyveld vs. Albert J. Sarchioni, Hackney Driver #7833, relative to the alleged use of cruel and abusive language while a passenger in a taxi cab. (Cambridge Yellow)
- 11/25/75 John David Ellis, Esq. vs. Edmund Costa, Owner of Erac Cab, Inc., Hackney Medallion #92, said complaint being an alleged assault and abusive language by the taxi cab owner. (Self Owned)



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • TEL. 876-6800

LICENSE COMMISSION

- 1/7/76 Russell Bromfield and Ronald Capling vs. Joseph L. Casey, Hackney Driver #325, for alleged refusal of short fares in the Harvard Square Area. (Brattle Taxi)
- 1/7/76 Joseph Catalanotti vs. Arthur S. Jacknow, Hackney Driver #11892, for an alleged hit and run accident with another vehicle. (Brattle Taxi)
- 1/7/76 Walter Hawk vs. Gerard F. Valcour, Hackney Driver #14887, for an alleged refusal to carry a passenger on December 22, 1975. (Ambassador Taxi)
- 1/7/76 Howard Gorin vs. Stephen D. Whitney, Hackney Driver #13205, for alleged misconduct by Mr. Whitney as a taxi cab driver. (Brattle Taxi)

This is only a small fraction of the number of complaints received in this office daily. The majority of complaints are by telephone and in order for them to appear on the agenda the complainant must submit a letter to our office, in which most cases they do not.

Many of the complaints are resolved by telephone calls, and by confrontation with the driver and complainant.

1974 Amendment

Legals
6

**City of Cambridge
In the Year One Thousand,
Nine Hundred Seventy-Three
AN ORDINANCE NO. 829**

In amendment to an Ordinance entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16, Article I, entitled: "Hackney Carriages" Section 16-24, Rates; and Section 16-25, Waiting Time, are hereby amended by striking out the present Section 16-24 entitled: "Rates" and Section 16-25 entitled: "Waiting Time" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Section 16-24. Rates.

(a) The price of rates of fares which drivers of hackney carriages propelled by mechanical motors and using taximeters as the means of measuring the distance travelled to be known as "Motor Taxicabs" may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(1) The initial drop shall be Fifty (\$.50) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-seventh (1/7) of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-seventh (1/7) of a mile or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Ten (\$.10) Cents.

(2) The maximum price or rates of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chairs in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons are as follows:

FROM POINT TO POINT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:

First four miles or fraction thereof — \$3.85

Each third of a mile thereafter — .20

(3) Longer trips may be contracted for at Special rates by agreement between the licensee and the passenger. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a meter, which shall be of a size and design approved by the Board of License Commissioners.

(b) No vehicle licensed under this Section shall be used for general taxicab purposes. This shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

Section 16-25. Waiting Time.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a break-down of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passengers of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Six (\$6.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third (3 1/3) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

In City Council January 21, 1974
Passed to be ordained by a yeas and nays vote Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:
Paul E. Healy,
City Clerk

John H. Corcoran,
City Manager

Passed to be Ordained
Jan 21, 1974

Legals
6

**City of Cambridge
In the Year One Thousand,
Nine Hundred Seventy-Three
AN ORDINANCE NO. 829**

In amendment to an Ordinance entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16, Article 1, entitled: "Hackney Carriages" Section 16-24, Rates; and Section 16-25, Waiting Time, are hereby amended by striking out the present Section 16-24 entitled: "Rates" and Section 16-25 entitled: "Waiting Time" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Section 16-24. Rates.

(a) The price of rates of fares which drivers of hackney carriages propelled by mechanical motors and using taximeters as the means of measuring the distance travelled to be known as "Motor Taxicabs" may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(1) The initial drop shall be Fifty (\$50) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-seventh ($1/7$) of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-seventh ($1/7$) of a mile or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Ten (\$10) Cents.

(2) The maximum price or rates of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chairs in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons are as follows:

FROM POINT TO POINT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:

First four miles or fraction thereof — \$3.85

Each third of a mile thereafter — .20

(3) Longer trips may be contracted for at Special rates by agreement between the licensee and the passenger. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a meter, which shall be of a size and design approved by the Board of License Commissioners.

(b) No vehicle licensed under this Section shall be used for general taxicab purposes. This shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

Section 16-25, Waiting Time.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a break-down of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passengers of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Six (\$6.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$20) Cents for each three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

In City Council January 21, 1974

Passed to be ordained by a ye and nay vote: Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:
Paul E. Healy,
City Clerk

John H. Corcoran,
City Manager

Cambridge

2/24

1976

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

That Chapter 16, Article I, entitled "Hackney Carriages" Section 16-24 Rates; and Section 16-25, Waiting Time be amended by striking out the present Section 16-24 entitled "Rates" and Section 16-25 entitled: "Waiting Time" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Section 16-24. Rates.

(a) The price of rates of fares which drivers of hackney carriages propelled by mechanical motors and using taximeters as the means of measuring the distance travelled to be known as "Motor Taxicabs" may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(1) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

(2) The maximum price or rates of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chairs in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons are as follows:

FROM POINT TO POINT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:

First four miles or fraction thereof	\$3.85
Each third of a mile thereafter	.20

(3) Longer trips may be contracted for at Special rates by agreement between the licensee and the passenger. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a meter, which shall be of a size and design approved by the Board of License Commissioners

(b) No vehicle licensed under this Section shall be used for general taxicab purposes. This shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

Section 16-25, Waiting Time.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a break-down of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

Cambridge. *2/24*

1976

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third (3 1/3) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

Section 16-26. Extras.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cent extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ambassador Taxi
180 Bent St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Brattle Taxi
111 Charles St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Cambridge Taxi Co.
2 Bay St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Arthur J. Miller, Pres.
2 Bay Street
Cambridge

868-9690

Cambridge

2/24

1976

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

That Chapter 16, Article I, entitled "Hackney Carriages" Section 16-24 Rates; and Section 16-25, Waiting Time be amended by striking out the present Section 16-24 entitled "Rates" and Section 16-25 entitled: "Waiting Time" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Section 16-24. Rates.

(a) The price of rates of fares which drivers of hackney carriages propelled by mechanical motors and using taximeters as the means of measuring the distance travelled to be known as "Motor Taxicabs" may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(1) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

(2) The maximum price or rates of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chairs in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons are as follows:

FROM POINT TO POINT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:

First four miles or fraction thereof	\$3.85
Each third of a mile thereafter	.20

(3) Longer trips may be contracted for ~~at~~ Special rates by agreement between the licensee and the passenger. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a meter, which shall be of a size and design approved by the Board of License Commissioners

(b) No vehicle licensed under this Section shall be used for general taxicab purposes. This shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

Section 16-25, Waiting Time.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a break-down of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

Cambridge. 2/24 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third (3 1/3) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

Section 16-26. Extras.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cent extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ambassador Taxi
180 Bent St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Brattle Taxi
111 Charles St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Cambridge Taxi Co.
2 Bay St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Arthur J. Sullivan Res.
2 Bay Street
Cambridge
868-9690



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • TEL. 876-6800

LICENSE COMMISSION

M
January 23, 1974

To All Taxi Cab Owners:

Effective Thursday, January 24, 1974, the new taxi rates as established by City Ordinance No. 829 are as follows:

- \$.50 for the first 1/7 mile or fraction thereof;
- \$.10 for each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof;
- \$ 6.00 per hour of waiting time.

After you have had the meter changed, please contact the Sealer of Weights and Measures at 876-6800 ext. 251 for the purpose of having the meter inspected and sealed.

Attached herewith is a copy of said Ordinance.

Yours very truly,

John R. Sennott, Jr.
John R. Sennott, Jr.
Chairman

JRS:pmr

City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Three.

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an Ordinance entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 16, Article I, entitled: "Hackney Carriages" Section 16-24, Rates; and Section 16-25, Waiting Time, are hereby amended by striking out the present Section 16-24 entitled: "Rates" and Section 16-25 entitled: "Waiting Time" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Section 16-24. Rates.

(a) The price of rates of fares which drivers of hackney carriages propelled by mechanical motors and using taximeters as the means of measuring the distance travelled to be known as "Motor Taxicabs" may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(1) The initial drop shall be Fifty (\$.50) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-seventh (1/7) of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-seventh (1/7) of a mile or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Ten (\$.10) Cents. *M*

(2) The maximum price or rates of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chairs in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons are as follows:

FROM POINT TO POINT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:

First four miles or fraction thereof	\$3.85
Each third of a mile thereafter	.20

(3) Longer trips may be contracted for at Special rates by agreement between the licensee and the passenger. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a meter, which shall be of a size and design approved by the Board of License Commissioners.

(b) No vehicle licensed under this Section shall be used for general taxicab purposes. This shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

Section 16-25, Waiting Time.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a break-down of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Six (\$6.00) Dollars per hour.

^{9.00}
(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third (3 1/3) minutes of waiting time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

In City Council January 21, 1974
Passed to be ordained by a yeas and nays vote: Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

John H. Corcoran, City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy,
City Clerk.

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

That Chapter 16, Article I, entitled "Hackney Carriages" Section 16-24 Rates; and Section 16-25, Waiting Time be amended by striking out the present Section 16-24 entitled "Rates" and Section 16-25 entitled: "Waiting Time" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Section 16-24. Rates.

(a) The price of rates of fares which drivers of hackney carriages propelled by mechanical motors and using taximeters as the means of measuring the distance travelled to be known as "Motor Taxicabs" may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows: From point to point within the City limits:

(1) The initial drop shall be Seventy-five (\$.75) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty (\$.20) Cents.

(2) The maximum price or rates of fare which drivers of vehicles providing transportation for persons who are ill or who are invalids on a mobile stretcher or portable chairs in a hackney carriage or motor taxicab may charge and demand for services rendered in conveying such persons are as follows:

FROM POINT TO POINT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:

First four miles or fraction thereof	\$3.85
Each third of a mile thereafter	.20

(3) Longer trips may be contracted for ~~at~~ Special rates by agreement between the licensee and the passenger. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a meter, which shall be of a size and design approved by the Board of License Commissioners

(b) No vehicle licensed under this Section shall be used for general taxicab purposes. This shall not, however, prevent the transportation of persons accompanying or riding in said vehicle with such persons who are ill or invalids.

Section 16-25, Waiting Time.

(a) Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and the time for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a break-down of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per hour.

PETITION

of _____

for _____

No. _____

_____ **19**

In City Council,

19

Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.

Cambridge, 2/24 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

(b) Waiting time for vehicles designed for the transportation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of \$3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Twenty (\$.20) Cents for each three and one-third (3 1/3) minutes of waiting, time, whichever is the lesser, but no charge shall be made for time lost through interruption of street traffic or through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its drivers, or for time between premature arrival in response to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.

Section 16-26. Extras.

(a) The driver shall charge for each passenger over two (2) Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents but no charge shall be made for invalids or children who have not reached the age of sixteen (16). The Twenty-five (\$.25) Cent extra charge is not commissionable and will be solely the property of the taxicab driver.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ambassador Taxi
180 Bent St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Brattle Taxi
111 Charles St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Cambridge Taxi Co.
2 Bay St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Arthur J. Gallberg Pres.
2 Bay Street
Cambridge

868-9690

PETITION

of Cambridge Taxi Co., et al

for rate increases for taxicabs in
Cambridge

No. _____

March 1 1976

*Passed to 2nd Reading
May 24. 76
Repealed May 27*

In City Council, March 1 1976

Referred to the Committee on

Ordinances

Copy sent 3/3/76 CS

4/14/76 Report Received

and Forwarded City Clerk.

*6/21/76 Passed to BC
Ordained as amended
By C. Chen 7-1-1-0
Repealed 7/15/76*