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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-nine
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 Sixteen entitled: "Public Transporation" is hereby amended by striking out Section 16-24 and substituting in place thereof the following:-

Section 16-24. Rates.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs shall charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows:-

(a) The initial drop shall be Ninety-five ($.95) Cents and shall cover the cost of the first one-fifth of a mile or fraction thereof; or the first two (2) minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-fifth of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty ($.20) Cents.

(b) Longer trips may be contracted for a 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.

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 Ten ($10.00) Dollars per hour.

(b) Waiting Time for vehicles designed for the transporation of persons who are ill or who are invalids shall be charged for at the rate of $3.85 for forty (40) minutes of waiting time or Thirty-five ($.35) Cents for each three and one-third 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.

There is to be no additional charge or surcharge added to the fare for any people in multiples of two or more.

Chapter Sixteen is hereby further amended by adding a new section which will read as follows:-

Section 16-35. Rate Reduction for Elderly.

(a) Any person sixty-five years of age or over, possessing suitable proof of his or her age and valid prepaid coupons, shall receive a twenty-five (25 pct.) percent reduction in the rates established under Section 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 on passage.

In City Council June 25, 1979

Passed to be ordained by a yea and nay vote:- Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 1 Present 1

James L. Sullivan,
City Manager.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy,
City Clerk.

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