

5-73

City of Cambridge

Ordinance No. 813.

Final Publication No. 1755

First Publication in the Cambridge

Chronicle-Sun on February 15, 1973

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:

The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge are hereby amended by striking out "Paragraph B" in Chapter 16, Article I, Section 29, and inserting in place thereof a new "Paragraph B" which reads as follows:

- (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.

In City Council, February 26, 1973

Adopted by a yea and nay vote -

Yeas 7 ; Nays 0 ; Absent 2 .

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy, ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy,
City Clerk.

73

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council Feb 26 19 23

		YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
	Mr. Clinton			✓	
	Mr. Danehy	✓			
	Mr. Duehay			✓	
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff	✓			
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan			✓	
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann	✓			
		6	0	3	

CLIK
RP
A

- Taxi Ordinance amendment -
City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council *February 26* 19*73*

		YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
	Mr. Clinton	✓			
	Mr. Danehy	✓			
	Mr. Duehay			✓	
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff	✓			
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan			✓	
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann	✓			
		7	0	2	

Passed to be ordained

LVR
RF
A



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 26, 1973

ORDERED:

That a preliminary appropriation in the sum of \$2,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated to the Executive Department, Schedule F-36 - Elderly Group Taxi Service; said sum to be included in and made part of the 1973 Tax Levy.

IN CITY COUNCIL Feb. 26, 1973
FOR THE CITY CLERK Paul E. Leahy
CITY CLERK



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred

AN ORDINANCE

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

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 (Public Transportation), Article I (Hackney Carriages), Section 29 (Hiring by the Hour or Trip), Paragraph (b) be amended by adding the following underlined language:

(b) A vehicle licensed under this Chapter for the transportation 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.

(G.O. 1943, Ch. 34, Art. I, § 33 as amended by Ord. No. 382, Feb. 18, 1952.)

PROPOSAL: A GROUP-RIDE TAXI SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY

PURPOSE: To provide reduced taxi fares for persons over 65.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE:

1. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday
2. A customer will call a central coordinator the day before his desired trip. The coordinator will form groups of passengers from the same general neighborhood who wish to travel to approximately the same part of the City.
3. Return trips will be handled as separate orders. It is the responsibility of the customer to make a separate appointment for his return trip one day in advance.
4. Fares: Cambridge will be divided into six zones corresponding roughly to East Cambridge, Central Square, Cambridge Hospital, Harvard Square, North Cambridge, and West Cambridge. Fares will be based on the number of zones crossed. All fares will include a tip to the driver. The longest possible trip would involve crossing only 3 zones.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FARES

<u>No. of zones crossed</u>	<u>Proposed fare w/tip/person</u>	<u>Approximate present fare w/tip</u>	<u>% Savings</u>
0	\$.75	\$.90	17%
1	.95	1.50	37%
2	1.15	2.15	47%
3	1.35	3.05	56%

For example, a trip from Rindge Towers to Porter Sq. will cost 75¢ per person. A trip from Central Sq. to Cambridge Hospital will cross one zone and cost 95¢.

5. April 1, 1973 - projected starting date.

STEPS NEEDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION

1. Complete negotiations with the taxi companies regarding fares.
2. Solicit support from City Council. A license exemption
3. will probably be needed to charge non-metered fares.
3. Obtain private or governmental funds to advertise, to hire the coordinator, and to monitor the system.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have any questions concerning this Group-Ride Tax Service for the Elderly, contact:

Rebecca Livengood, M.I.T., 628-4523

Dennis Sullivan, Concil on Aging, 354-1629

Steve Zecher, Depart. of Planning and Development
876-6800, Extension 357.

City of Cambridge

First Publication No. 1753.
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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

AN ORDINANCE

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

The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge are hereby amended by striking out "Paragraph B" in Chapter 16, Article I, Section 29, and inserting in place thereof a new "Paragraph B" which reads as follows:

- (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.

Passed to a second reading at meeting of the City Council held on February 12, 1973 and after February 26, 1973 the question may be on passing to be ordained.

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy,
City Clerk.

CAMBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

69 ROGERS STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02142

(617)-876-4100

February 23, 1973

The Honorable City Council
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

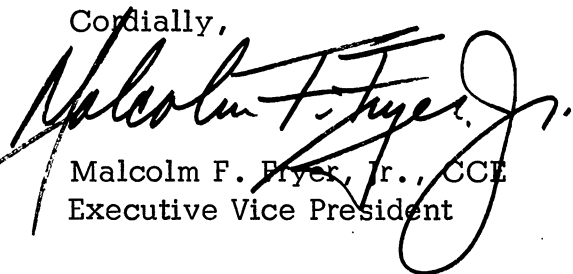
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, as a participant in the development of the Elderly Taxi Service Proposal presently before you as the Committee on Ordinances, urges your approval of the amendment to the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge, Chapter 16, Article I, Section 29, Paragraph (b).

The need for this amendment and the desire for the program are inseparable, and require your approval. The spirit of cooperation and understanding which have carried the efforts of the elderly and the taxi companies to this point have been a tremendous example of how to solve problems.

We hope that you will move swiftly to grant your support for the program through approval of the ordinance change.

Cordially,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Malcolm F. Fryer, Jr.".

Malcolm F. Fryer, Jr., CCE
Executive Vice President

MFF:pc

CAMBRIDGE COMMITTEE OF ELDERS INC.

678 MASS. AVE., ROOM 402A
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

PHONE: 868-2900 EXT. 27

EUGENE PARKER PRESIDENT

ELIZABETH M. DENVIR
TREASURER
RES: 547-5816

ROBERT P. WHEATLY
CO-ORDINATOR
ELDERLY SERVICES

ALFREDA SIMPSON
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
RES: 491-2719

MARTHA WASHINGTON
RECORDING SECRETARY
RES: 354-3690

February 26, 1973

To the Members of
The City Council
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, Mass.

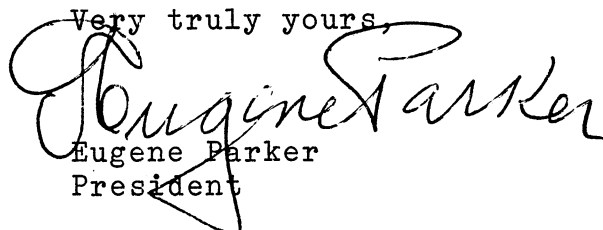
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The elderly citizens of Cambridge face very real and difficult problems in their efforts to move freely about the city. Public transportation routes follow only main arteries, making long walks necessary in order to use them; cross-city trips are tedious and involve long waits and several transfers often, if they are possible at all; steps on buses and trolleys are exceedingly difficult to maneuver; taxi service is expensive and beyond the means of many of those who need to travel most, as for instance, to the hospital to keep an appointment when they are incapacitated.

Therefore, as an organization whose members are senior citizens from all parts of the city, the Cambridge Committee of Elders, Inc. requests that the City Council approve the request being put before it to change certain wording in the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge, to wit, in Chapter 16, Article I, Section 29, paragraph B, so that it will include the word, "ELDERLY", in its provisions.

This approved action will enable efforts to go forward that may go a long way toward solving some of the transportation problems facing elderly citizens as outlined above. Without this enabling approval, these problems can only continue in their present undesirable state.

Very truly yours,



Eugene Parker
President

City of Cambridge

In City Council February 26, 1973

The

Committee on Ordinances

to which an Amendment to the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge was referred. The amendment is as follows:

"Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Cambridge, as follows; Chapter 16 (Public Transportation), Article I (Hackney Carriages), Section 29 (Hiring by the Hour or Trip), Paragraph (B) be amended by adding the following underlined language.

(b) A vehicle licensed under this chapter for the transportation 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 ^{Reports,} 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.

Reports, That the City Council of the whole approve the proposed amendment as word, to the Ordinance of the City of Cambridge

For the Committee,
Alicia Vellucci

73

REPORT

Committee on Ordinances, Relative
to Taxi Fares for the Elderly

Quinn