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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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

AN ORDINANCE

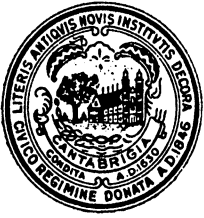
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

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.



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In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred

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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 ^{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.

(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 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

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
City Manager

February 12, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council,

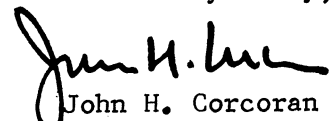
I transmit herewith a proposed amendment to The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge, Chapter 16 (Public Transportation), Article I (Hackney Carriages), Section 29 (Hiring by Hour or Trip), Paragraph (b). The purpose of this amendment is to make possible group taxi rides by elderly residents of Cambridge.

It is my recommendation that this amendment be approved by your Honorable Body. Hopefully, this can be accomplished by late March, as a program has been developed by Mr. Walter Milne of M.I.T. to monitor the effectiveness of this group ride taxi program, beginning on or about April 1st.

I believe you are aware of the Task Force work that has produced this new program for improving transportation services for the elderly in Cambridge. Principle involvement in developing this program has come from the Chamber of Commerce, the Council on Aging, the Committee of Elders, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Planning and Development Department, and the Brattle and Yellow Taxi Companies. Each of the task force members looks forward to an early implementation of this program.

I am also attaching a one page statement summarizing the proposed program. Prior to a hearing on the matter by the Committee on Ordinances, I will be glad to submit further details on the proposal, and the task force study.

Yours very truly,


John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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From City Manager transmitting a proposed
Amendment to the General Ordinances Chapter
16, Article I-Section 29.

In City Council

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