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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.

(C) Jul 15

