

ORDINANCE NO. 13,850

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, by repealing Section 126-121 thereof and enacting a new Section 126-121, relating to taxicab trip rates.

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, is hereby amended by repealing Section 126-121 thereof and enacting a new Section 126-121, relating to taxicab trip rates, as follows:

Sec. 126-121. Trip rates.

(a) Taxicab fares shall not exceed the following rates:

- (1) For the first one-eighth mile or fraction thereof for one person
..... \$1.20
- 1. For each succeeding one-eighth mile or fraction thereof \$0.20
- 2. For each additional passenger over the age of 12 for the whole journey \$0.50
- (4) For each minute of waiting time or fraction thereof
.....
. \$0.25
- (5) Insurance surcharge per trip
..... \$0.50
- (6) Night surcharge per trip (10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.)
.....
. \$1.00

(b) Taxicab fares shall not be lower than the following rates:

- (1) For the first one-fifth mile or any fraction thereof
.....
. \$0.90

1. For each succeeding one-fifth mile or fraction thereof \$0.20

(3) For each 1 1/5 minutes of waiting time \$0.20

2. For each additional person for the whole journey \$0.10

(c) An additional fare of \$0.50 may be collected from each passenger transported from the airport if the holder enters into an agreement with the city regarding minimum levels of service and methods of operation.

(d) Waiting time shall include the time when the taxicab is not in motion, beginning with the arrival at the place to which it has been called, the time consumed while standing at the direction of the passenger, the time while stopped in the observance of traffic controls, or due to delays in traffic when the taxicab is traveling at a speed which is slow enough for the time rate to exceed the mileage rate on the taximeter.

(e) No charge shall be made for the time lost because of the inefficiency of the taxicab or its operator or time consumed by premature response to a call. In no event shall the taximeter accumulate charges for time and distance concurrently, nor shall the taximeter be set so there is a time charge when the taxicab is moving at a velocity in excess of the rate per hour divided by the rate per mile.

(f) For service in picking up and delivering packages and parcels, the ordinary rates provided by subsection (a) of this section shall apply.

(g) This range of fares shall be binding on all taxicab owners and operators. The

collection of fares at a higher or lower
rate shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from
and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Bruce E. Bergman, City Attorney

Preston Daniels, Mayor

Attest:

I, Donna Boetel-Baker, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines,
Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy
of an ordinance (Roll Call No. 00-3359), passed by the City
Council of said City at a meeting held August 7, 2000, signed by
the Mayor on August 7, 2000, and published as provided by law in
the Business Record on August 14, 2000. Authorized by
Publication Order No. 2028.

Donna Boetel-Baker, CMC/AAE, City Clerk