



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: October 5, 2016

TO: Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities  
FROM: Chief Licence Inspector  
SUBJECT: Year 2017 Vehicles for Hire Inflationary Fee Increase

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- A. THAT Council approve a 2.0% inflationary increase to compensate for increases to the City's costs for all Vehicles for Hire fees, in accordance with Appendix A.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066, as shown in Appendix A, to be effective January 1, 2017.

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

Fees are traditionally adjusted on an annual basis to keep them consistent with City costs. For 2017, the recommended inflationary increase is 2.0% and this increase has been applied to applicable fees collected under the Vehicles for Hire By-law.

Amendments to the affected by-laws have been prepared by Legal Services for enactment, to be effective on January 1, 2017.

### **COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

It is Council policy that fees and other charges be established on the basis of the cost of providing the associated services.

### **CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

## **REPORT**

### ***Background/Context***

The primary reason for inflationary increases is to keep fees consistent with City administration and enforcement costs. Fees have traditionally been adjusted annually for inflation, other than when fees have been more comprehensively reviewed.

### ***Strategic Analysis***

The proposed amendments allow staff to prepare and provide the necessary advance renewal notices to businesses operating in the City.

As of July 2016, the increase in the 12-month average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Metro Vancouver was 2.0%. Certain non-wage items such as electricity have increased 4.1% while natural gas, fuel and gasoline have decreased in the range of 13.2% to 8.6% over the past year. The Conference Board of Canada forecasted that the CPI for Metro Vancouver would increase 2.1% for 2017 and 2018, 2.5% for 2019, and 2.1% for 2020. Based on this forecast, staff recommend a 2% increase in vehicle for hire licences and fees for 2017.

Annual inflationary fee increases in licensing is a well-established practice and it is reasonable for businesses to expect an increase this year.

### ***Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)***

#### ***Financial***

Based on the 2016 budget, a 2.0% fee increase is estimated to generate approximately \$16,000 in additional licence revenue for the year 2017.

The City's 2017 projected revenue from vehicle for hire licences and fees include inflationary increases. Should the inflationary increase not be approved, projected revenues from these sources will not be met.

#### ***Human Resources/Labour Relations***

There are no personnel implications.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that a 2.0% increase reflecting general cost of inflation be applied to Vehicle for Hire licence and service fees. It is further recommended that Council enact the amendments to By-law No.6066 which provide for this increase.

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BY-LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066  
regarding 2017 fees

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in public meeting, enacts as follows:

1. Council:
  - (a) repeals Schedule A, and substitutes Schedule A attached to this By-law; and
  - (b) approves the fees set out in the new Schedule A.
2. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.
3. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on January 1, 2017.

ENACTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Year 2017 Vehicles for Hire License Fees

SCHEDULE A

A classification of carriers and respective license fees payable by such person.

The following license fees are payable by every person owning or operating any of the following vehicles for hire in the City of Vancouver:

|   |                            |          |
|---|----------------------------|----------|
| Airport Shuttle Bus   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$ 84.00 |
| Airport Transporter   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |
| Antique Limousine   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$217.00 |
| Bus Limousine   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$217.00 |
| Charter Bus   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |
| Charter Van   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |
| Courier Bicycle   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$ 18.00 |
| Driver Instruction Vehicle                                      | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |
| Dual Taxicab  | Per annum for each vehicle | \$570.00 |
| Handicapped Cab   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |
| Horse-Drawn Carriage  | Per annum for each vehicle | \$569.00 |
| Luxury Limousine  | Per annum for each vehicle | \$217.00 |
| Motor Stage   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |
| Part-time Taxicab   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$570.00 |
| Pedicab   | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |
| For each person operating a leased pedicab on a daily fee basis | Per annum                  | \$ 11.00 |
| School Cab  | Per annum for each vehicle | \$173.00 |

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| School Shuttle Van   | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$173.00 |
| Sedan Limousine  | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$217.00 |
| Sport Utility Limousine  | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$217.00 |
| Stretch Limousine  | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$217.00 |
| Taxicab  | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$570.00 |
| Taxicab operating under a temporary permit approved by the Passenger Transportation Board  | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$285.00 |
| If used also for displaying advertising material, for each taxicabs so used, additional fee  | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$ 37.00 |
| Tow Truck  | Per annum for each vehicle                         | \$173.00 |
| U-Drive  | Per annum for each vehicle with 4 or more wheels   | \$ 48.00 |
|  | Per annum for each vehicle with less than 4 wheels | \$ 12.00 |
| Unless otherwise provided herein, the license fee to operate a vehicle licensed for one purpose shall be \$79.00 for each additional purpose authorized by this By-law |  | \$ 79.00 |
| <u>Administrative costs</u>  |  |          |
| Transfer of License - Section 11(4)  |  | \$139.00 |
| Replacement Plate - Section 12(4)  |  | \$ 35.00 |
| Bicycle Courier Testing - Section 15(1)  |  | \$ 38.00 |