



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Chief License Inspector in consultation with the Director of Finance
SUBJECT: Year 2007 Vehicles for Hire License Fee Amendments

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT with the exception of Courier Bicycles, the license fees for all Vehicles for Hire, contained in Schedule "A" of By-law No. 6066, be increased by approximately 2.75 percent (when rounded) for Year 2007;
- B. THAT the license fee for Courier Bicycle be increased from \$15 to \$16 for Year 2007;
- C. THAT the license transfer fee be increased from \$106 to \$109 for Year 2007;
- D. THAT the fee for bicycle courier testing be increased from \$28 to \$29 for Year 2007;
- E. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary By-law amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law to implement the revised Fee Schedule and other proposed changes, to be effective January 1, 2007.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Corporate and Community Services RECOMMENDS approval of A through E.

COUNCIL POLICY

On January 17, 1991, Council resolved that every department/board review services for which fees are now charged to ensure full cost recovery or that fees are equivalent to competitive charges where the fee is of a market nature.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Vehicles for Hire license fees for 2007. The Vehicles for Hire licensing fee update includes increasing the license transfer fee, the bicycle courier examination fee and the license fees for all classifications of vehicles for hire, with the exception of bicycle couriers, by approximately 2.75 percent (when rounded). The Courier Bicycle license fee is to be increased from \$15 to \$16 for Year 2007.

BACKGROUND

In the fall of every year, the License Office prepares an administrative report to Council proposing an across-the-board inflationary adjustment in vehicles for hire license fees which reflects the estimated growth in City costs for the following year.

DISCUSSION

Year 2007 Vehicles for Hire License Fees

With the exception of Courier Bicycles, this report recommends that license fees for all Vehicles for Hire categories contained in "Schedule A" of By-law No. 6066 be increased by approximately 2.75 percent (when rounded) for the Year 2007. The proposed 2.75 percent increase represents the inflationary rate of adjustment from 2006. This amount is required to achieve cost recovery for the various services required under the Vehicles for Hire By-law.

The Courier Bicycle license fee is to be increased from \$15 to \$16 for Year 2007. It has been four years since the fee for this Vehicles for Hire license category has been increased as the regular annually applied inflationary fee increases have not required rounding. The \$1 increase is required for 2007 to recover the cost for the issuance of a metal plate provided with each license.

The administrative cost of license transfers and bicycle courier testing has also risen over the past year, providing justification for the proposed fee increases to recover expenses.

The following table outlines the fee increases for 2007:

Current and Proposed (2007) Vehicles for Hire License Fees (Schedule "A")

| Class of Vehicle | | Current Fee (\$) | Proposed Fee (\$) |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Airport Shuttle Bus | For each vehicle | 62.00 | 64.00 |
| Airport Transporter | For each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| Antique Limousine | For each vehicle | 166.00 | 171.00 |
| Charter Bus | For each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| Charter Van | For each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |

| Class of Vehicle | | Current Fee (\$) | Proposed Fee (\$) |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Courier Bicycle | For each vehicle | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| Driver Instruction Vehicle | For each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| Dual Taxicab | For each vehicle | 331.00 | 340.00 |
| Funeral Cab | For each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| Handicapped Cab | For each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| Horse-Drawn Carriage | For each vehicle | 436.00 | 448.00 |
| Luxury Limousine | for each vehicle | 166.00 | 171.00 |
| Motor Stage | for each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| Pedicab | for each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| For each person operating a leased vehicle on a daily fee basis | | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| School Cab | for each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| School Shuttle | for each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| Sedan Limousine | for each vehicle | 166.00 | 171.00 |
| Sport Utility Limousine | for each vehicle | 166.00 | 171.00 |
| Stretch Limousine | for each vehicle | 166.00 | 171.00 |
| Taxicab | for each vehicle | 331.00 | 340.00 |
| If used also for displaying advertising material, for each vehicle so used, additional fee | | 27.00 | 28.00 |
| Tow Truck | for each vehicle | 132.00 | 136.00 |
| U-Drive | for each vehicle (4 or more wheels) | 36.00 | 37.00 |
| For each other vehicle | | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| Unless otherwise provided herein, the license fee to operate a vehicle licensed for one purpose shall be \$59.00 for each additional purpose authorized by this By-law. | | 59.00 | 61.00 |
| Administrative Costs not in Schedule "A" | | Current Fee (\$) | Proposed Fee (\$) |
| Cost of Transfer of License | | 106.00 | 109.00 |
| Cost of Bicycle Courier Testing | | 28.00 | 29.00 |

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no financial implications other than to adjust the current cost recovery fees to the current rate of inflation.

CONCLUSION

A 2.75 percent increase for the Year 2007, reflecting the inflationary rate of adjustment, is being proposed for all Vehicles for Hire license fees, with the exception of Courier Bicycles which is to be increased from \$15 to \$16. Fee increases are also proposed for license transfers and bicycle courier testing fees.

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