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ORDINANCE NO. 19145

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Deputy Mayor Jeff Preisner, amending City of Topeka Code § 154-121, as amended by Ordinance No. 19115, concerning rates of fare offered by taxicabs in the City of Topeka and specifically repealing said original section.

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2008, the City Council adopted City of Topeka Ordinance No. 19115 which increased the rate of fare for taxicabs; and

WHEREAS, because the meter rates must be divisible by sixths, it is necessary to revise the taxi meter rate to eliminate meter readings with a fraction of a cent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 19115 of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Rates of fare.

(a) The maximum rates of fare of taxicabs for conveying persons with the usual hand baggage shall be as follows:

(1) For the first one-sixth mile or fraction thereof . . . \$2.50

(2) For each succeeding one-sixth mile or fraction thereof . . . ~~2.00~~ 0.35

(3) For each minute of waiting time . . . 0.30

(4) For each person age 12 or over riding with passenger, per trip . . . 0.25

Plus any charges that the metropolitan airport authority, its successors or assigns, may charge to the cab company as a loading, unloading or trip charge, or any other charges that may be assessed, may be charged to the passenger on such trip and shall be in addition to the above rates; provided, that no additional charge shall be made

for the conveyance of more than one passenger. When the charge is made for waiting time, no charge shall be made for stops occasioned by the driver or by reason of any defective or improper working conditions of the taxicab nor shall a charge be made because of premature arrival upon a call. All charges in this section are to be based upon the most direct route.

(b) The owner, driver or other person in charge or control of a taxicab may upon request of passengers accept employment whereby the fare to be asked may be computed by an hourly rental. When a taxicab is so employed, the maximum fare to be charged shall not exceed \$18.00 per hour. This rate shall not be effective unless employment by the hour is arranged for in advance of the trip.

(c) A fuel surcharge shall be added to the total fare. The surcharge shall depend on the average price of regular, unleaded gasoline in Topeka as determined by AAA of Kansas. If the average cost of regular, unleaded gasoline is three dollars (\$3.00) or more per gallon, but less than four dollars (\$4.00), a surcharge of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be added, per trip.

The surcharge shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per trip when the average price of regular, unleaded gasoline is four dollars (\$4.00) or more per gallon.

Section 2. That original section 154-121 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, as amended by Ordinance No. 19115 is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from October 1, 2008, and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council August 19, 2008.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk