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**AN ORDINANCE BY  
COUNCILMEMBER H. LAMAR WILLIS**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 162, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 5, SECTION 162 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES OUTLINING THE TAXICAB REGULATIONS BY ADDING A SUBSECTION THAT ALLOWS TAXICAB COMPANIES AND DRIVERS TO CHARGE TEMPORARY FUEL SURCHARGES.**

**WHEREAS**, the price of fuel for taxicab drivers has reached record highs due to an increase in fuel prices of over thirty percent within the last year;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta desires to ensure that taxicab drivers are able to realize the necessary revenue to operate economically and efficiently by allowing the drivers to recoup increased fuel costs;

**WHEREAS**, cities such as Seattle, WA; Las Vegas, NV; New York City, NY; Los Angeles, CA; and Washington, D.C. have instituted some variation of a rate increase or fuel surcharge prompted by rising fuel prices;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances does not stipulate that a temporary fuel surcharge can be instituted when necessary;

**WHEREAS**, the council desires to give the Bureau of Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire the authority to allow temporary fuel surcharges;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA** as follows:

**SECTION 1**

That Section 162 be amended by adding a subsection entitled, Temporary Fuel Surcharges, which shall read as follows:

- (a) The Bureau of Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire shall engage in an assessment of fuel prices every three months, the first to occur immediately after adoption of this ordinance and repeating every September 1, December 1, March 1, and July 1.
- (b) At the time of the assessment, if the Bureau finds that the price of fuel exceeds by twenty percent (20%) the average cost of fuel in the Atlanta metropolitan area in the preceding year, as published by the American Automobile Association, the Bureau of Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire shall be authorized to institute temporary fuel surcharges.

- (c) Within ten (10) days of the assessment of fuel prices, if the price exceeds the standards of subsection (b), the Bureau shall notify all taxicab companies, taxicab drivers, taxicab trade associations, and all other interested parties of the temporary fuel surcharge.
- (d) Upon the institution of the temporary fuel surcharges, all taxicab companies and drivers shall charge, in addition to the schedule of fares pursuant to Section 162-118 of the Atlanta City Code of Ordinances, either of the following fuel surcharges:
  - (1) A \$ 0.40 fuel surcharge per metered taxicab trip.
  - (2) A \$2.00 fuel surcharge applied to the flat rate fare on trips to or from the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.
- (e) The temporary fuel surcharge shall be effective until the time of the next Bureau assessment.
- (f) Taxicab drivers must display a printed passenger notice on taxicab dashboards informing passengers that the temporary fuel surcharge will be added to the metered fare or to the flat rate fare due to increases in gasoline prices.

## **SECTION 2**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

## **SECTION 3**

The amendment reflected in this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon Mayor's signature.

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