

BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 5, SECTION 162-118 SUBSECTION (a), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, BUREAU OF TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AN INITIAL AIRPORT FARE FOR ALL TAXICAB TRIPS ORIGINATING FROM HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 162, Article II, Division 5, Section 162-118, (“§162-118”) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta (“City”), sets forth the schedule of fares (“Fares”) that all taxicab companies and drivers shall charge passengers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fares have not been adjusted since 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, there has never been an initial airport fare for trips originating from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (the “Airport”); and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a significant increase in the cost of living and especially, the cost of fuel justifying the need for an initial Airport fare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to create an initial Airport fare for all taxicab trips originating from the Airport; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 5, Section 162-118, Subsection (a), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, which reads:

Sec. 162-118. Schedule of fares.

(a) All taxicab companies and drivers shall charge the following schedule of fares, except as otherwise provided in this section:

- (1) The first one-eighth mile, \$2.50.
- (2) Each additional one-eighth mile, \$0.25.
- (3) Waiting time, \$21.00 per hour.
- (4) For each additional passenger in excess of one riding in the vehicle on the same trip, \$2.00 per person. Only one child in the company of an adult will be

charged the additional passenger fee; any additional children will not be charged any additional passenger fee. Children under six will not be charged.

(5) There shall be no charge for use of additional space for luggage, trunks or cargo for which the trunk space in a four-door sedan would not be adequate.

(6) A 20 percent discount on a metered fare be given to a disabled or senior citizen.

(7) Fuel surcharge. Once the gasoline price for regular unleaded fuel has averaged between \$2.90 and \$4.39 over a 14 consecutive day period according to the AAA published data, there shall be imposed a fuel surcharge of \$2.00 per trip. Once the gasoline price for regular unleaded fuel has averaged more than \$4.40 over a fourteen consecutive day period according to the AAA published data, there shall be imposed a fuel surcharge of \$3.00 per trip.

Be amended to read as follows:

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(8) Initial Airport Fare. A charge of \$1.50 shall be applied to all taxicab services originating from the Atlanta airport. No mileage, waiting time, or other charges are included in the Initial Airport Fare. Additional Atlanta airport Flat Rate Zone fares shall apply in the manner set forth in this section.

**SECTION 2:** That all existing Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith shall be waived to the extent of the conflict.

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

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Committee(s) of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): November 25

Anticipated Full Council Date: January 5, 2009

Legislative Counsel's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Signature: *D. C. N. Tuman*

Chief Procurement Officer Signature: N/A

CAPTION

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