

**AN ORDINANCE  
BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, DIVISION VII, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA (“CITY”), GEORGIA, REPEALING SECTION 22-202 (b) AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 22-202.1 ENTITLED TAXICAB FEES ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION GROUND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE AIRPORT’S TAXICAB ACCESS FEE FOR ACCESS INTO THE TAXI ASSEMBLY AREA FOR ALL TAXICABS ORIGINATING A TRIP FROM THE AIRPORT.**

**WHEREAS**, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (the “Airport”) is the world’s busiest airport, responsible for facilitating the movement of a record 90 million passengers in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 22, Article III, Division VII, Section 22-202 (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia sets forth the fees the City assesses airport taxicab operators to operate at the Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees set forth in Chapter 22, Article III, Division VII, Section 22-202 (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia have not been increased for more than 23 years (1985); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to increase the fees assessed to Airport taxicab operators in order to off-set the funding provided by the City to subsidize the costs associated with operating the Airport’s ground transportation operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City engaged a firm to analyze the current fees and to recommend appropriate user fees to cover operating costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm’s analysis revealed that the total cost of providing taxi services at the Airport is \$950,000 or 38% of the total \$2,500,000 airport ground transportation operational cost; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, the firm has recommended the City restructure and increase the taxi fees in order to eliminate the subsidy provided by the City and to appropriately cover the costs of operating the Department of Aviation’s Ground Transportation Division taxi operation.

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

**SECTION 1:** That Chapter 22, Article III, Division VII, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, is hereby amended by repealing Section 22-202, Subsection (b), in its entirety and adding a new section 22-202.1 to read as follows.

Sec. 22-202.1 Taxicab Fees

All taxicabs entering the Airport's Taxi Assembly Area for the purpose of originating a trip from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport shall pay \$1.50 as an access fee each time they enter the Taxi Assembly Area.

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

**Part II: Legislative White Paper:** (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

**A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:**

**Committee of Purview:**

**Caption:**

**Council Meeting Date:**

**Requesting Dept.:**

**B. To be completed by the department :**

**1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).**

***Example: The purpose of this legislation is to anticipate funds from a local assistance grant to purchase child safety seats.***

The Airport currently charges the lowest taxi access fee in the country and ranks last among peer airports surveyed in terms of taxi average annual revenue of \$350,000 against operating expenses of \$920,000 annually; a figure that does not cover the Airport's operating cost for taxi services. A new automated vehicle identification (AVI) system has been installed as part of the Parking Revenue Control System. This new AVI system will facilitate a reliable and secured method of collecting and reconciling all taxi access fees to ensure accuracy in cost recovery. Furthermore, the system will allow the DOA to monitor the taxi operational performance against real time data.

**2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.**

***Example: The task force of homelessness conducted a study regarding homelessness, its impact and consequences on the City. This resolution reflects the Mayor's desire to open a twenty-four hour center that will respond to the needs of the homelessness in Atlanta.***

The Airport is working on a multi-billion dollar expansion project, which includes a International Terminal, a Consolidated Rental Car Facility; and the expansion of the Central Passenger Terminal Complex.

The Airpor's dramatic expansion will increase its capacity and efficiency and require greater operational flexibility in order to meet the growing and evolving needs of the traveling public. The current taxi access fee have not been adjusted in more than 20 (twenty) years and does not cover the operation cost that would give us greater flexibility in meeting the dynamic needs of the traveling public who utilizes the airport's taxi service.

**3. If Applicable/Known:**

- (a) Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):
- (b) Source Selection:
- (c) Bids/Proposals Due:
- (d) Invitations Issued:
- (e) Number of Bids:
- (f) Proposals Received:
- (g) Bidders/Proponents:
- (h) Term of Contract:

**4. Fund Account Center:**

**5. Source of Funds: *Example: Local Assistance Grant***

**6. Fiscal Impact:**

*Example: This legislation will result in a reduction in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to Fund Account Center Number \_\_\_\_\_.*

**7. Method of Cost Recovery:**

**Examples:**

- a. Revenues generated from the permits required under this legislation will be used to fund the personnel needed to carry out the permitting process.*
- b. Money obtained from a local assistance grant will be used to cover the costs of this Summer Food Program.*

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: Anita Williams

Contact Number: 404-530-6600

Originating Department: Aviation

Committee(s) of Purview: Transportation

Chief of Staff Deadline: 3/17/09

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): 4/01/09

Anticipated Full Council Date: 4/20/09

Commissioner Signature: 

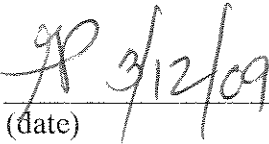
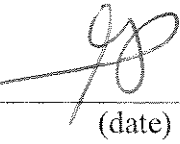
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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any)  
Mayor's Staff Only

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(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)