

Amendment L – Extend 10-cent charge to all trips. Sponsor: Clark

Section 9, 6.310.175 (page 23) establishes a fund and funding mechanism to support WAT providers. This amendment extends the 10-cent charge to all trips, including WAT trips.

Accordingly, Section 9 is amended as follows:

Section 9. A new Section 6.310.175 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

6.310.175 Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund

A. In addition to the fees specified in subsection 6.310.150, as part of the license issuance or renewal fee, taxicab, for-hire vehicle licensees, and transportation network companies shall pay a \$0.10 per ride surcharge for all rides originating in the City of Seattle for each vehicle(~~((not meeting the criteria of a ‘wheelchair accessible taxicab’ as defined by subsection 6.310.110))~~). As part of the City’s taxi, for-hire, and transportation network company regulation, this surcharge shall be used to offset the higher operational costs of wheelchair accessible taxi (“WAT”) services for owners and operators including, but not limited to: vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting an accessible vehicle, extra fuel and maintenance costs, and time involved in providing wheelchair accessible trips. Funds shall be distributed by reimbursement for documented, itemized costs. The Director shall adopt by rule the procedure for determining when and how to distribute funds to WAT owners and drivers, including imposing conditions of reimbursement, imposing a maximum amount of reimbursement, and considering timely distribution of reimbursement to WAT drivers and owners. In determining the distribution of funds, the Director shall consider factors including, but not limited to actual consumer demand for WAT services, total number of WAT rides, total number of WAT rides requested through a TNC application, total paid trips per WAT, and average operating hours per WAT.

Amendment M – Set effect date for medallion system. Sponsor: Clark

Section 6, 6.310.135 (page 16) establishes the medallion system upon the effective date of this ordinance. This amendment pushes the effective date back to February 1, 2015.

Accordingly, Section 6 is amended as follows:

Section 6. A new Section 6.310.135 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

6.310.135 Transition to medallion system

A. ~~((Upon the effective date of this ordinance,))~~Effective February 1, 2015, City taxicab and for-hire vehicle licenses shall transition to a medallion system and all references to taxicab licenses and for-hire vehicle licenses in this Chapter shall refer to taxicab medallions and for-hire vehicle medallions, respectively. The medallion system deems a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license to be intangible property. The owner of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion can use the medallion as collateral to secure a loan from a bank or any other financial institution. Medallion owners shall file with the Director the name of any and all lienholders, on forms furnished by the Director.

B. Effective February 1, 2015, ~~((E))~~existing taxicab or for-hire vehicle license holders on the effective date of this ordinance shall receive one medallion for each taxicab or for-hire vehicle license upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of \$100.00. Failure to pay this administrative fee shall result in the denial of the renewal of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license.

E. ~~((Upon the effective date of this ordinance,))~~Effective February 1, 2015,

medallion holders waive any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, loss, costs, expense judgments, attorneys' fees, or damages of every kind and description resulting directly or indirectly from any act or omission of the City, its officials, officers, employees, and agents regarding the valuation or devaluation of the medallion.

H. Medallion owners may lease an interest in the medallion as prescribed by Director's rule. To assure orderly and rapid transition to the medallion system, the Director shall have such rules in place 90 days from (~~the effective date of this ordinance~~) February 1, 2015.