

ORDINANCE NO. 14372

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
PART II, CHAPTER 35, SECTION 35-26, RATES OF FARE –
SCHEDULE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,
TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 35, Section 35-26, be amended by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 35-26. Rates of Fare – Schedule.

- (a) No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge a greater sum for the use of a taxicab than the rates set below:
- (1) There is hereby established a minimum rate to be charged for taxicab service. The minimum rate for taxicab charges in the City shall be \$10.00 based on a \$5.00 base rate/flag pull; and \$2.50 per mile and \$0.50 per waiting minute which will equal a maximum rate of \$30.00 per hour of use. The rate shall be subject to a performance review by the Office of the Mayor.
 - (2) Nothing contained in this subsection shall prohibit a certificate holder from making a contractual agreement with any passenger, company, agency or organization to furnish transportation for employees, associates, clients, patients, customers or members at a rate that is based on mileage, number of passengers, number of trips, number of passenger hours, weekly or monthly fees, or any other reasonable and calculable basis, irrespective of the mileage charges, minimum charges, and waiting time charges contained in this chapter or the certificate holder's filed rates for ordinary radio dispatch, taxicab stand, personal call or hailed service. Such a contractual agreement that provides for rates that differ from the rates ordinarily charged by the taxicab operator must be recorded upon a written document that is legally executed by all parties and kept on file at the certificate or permit holders place of business subject to inspection at any time by the Passenger Vehicle For Hire Board or Inspector.

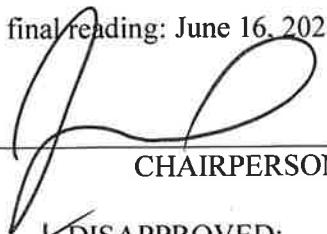
- (3) All taxicab drivers shall drive the shortest and most direct route in transporting a passenger from the point of pick-up to the point of destination unless requested otherwise by the passenger.
 - (4) There will be an additional charge for waiting time which shall be up to a maximum of fifty cents (\$0.50) for each one (1) minute of waiting.
 - (5) The Passenger Vehicle For Hire Board may establish one (1) or more "meter zones" where all trips that have their origin and destination in the zone may be charged a flat rate providing the rate shall be less than or substantially equivalent to the rates authorized under paragraph (a) of this Section.
 - (6) The Passenger Vehicle For Hire Board may establish a single fare structure for all taxi trips beginning or ending at Lovell Field with origin or destination within Chattanooga's corporate limits which fare shall be reasonably related to the cost of providing such services.
 - (7) The Passenger Vehicle For Hire Inspector(s) shall furnish rate cards to the holders of certificates of public convenience and necessity. Said rate cards shall be displayed conspicuously in each taxicab. Failure to display said rate card in a conspicuous manner shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of the privilege for the taxicab failing to display the rate card.
 - (8) The Passenger Vehicle For Hire Board may approve temporary emergency rates for sixty (60) days.
- (b) No owner, driver or operator of a vehicle for hire without a taximeter shall charge a greater sum for the use of a vehicle for hire than the rates set below:
- (1) Fares for contractual services shall be not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per hour. Fares for an airport limousine shall not be higher than a fare authorized by the Chattanooga Airport Authority. A limousine service, an, sedans and vans or other vehicles for hire may not charge fares based upon fractions of an hour except after the second hour of service.
 - (2) An agreed upon fare with a passenger or passengers that simulates or mirrors a fare charged by an operator of a taxicab.
- (c) See below rate schedule:

Minimum Rate - Taxicab Service: \$10 (based on \$5 base rate/flag pull) \$2.50 per mile and \$0.50 per waiting minute (max. rate of \$30 per hour of use) Additional charge waiting time:	Fares for contractual services: Not less than \$50 per hour Airport limousine not higher than Airport Authority
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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: June 16, 2026



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: ☒ DISAPPROVED: ☐



MAYOR

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