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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fares**

Further to the meeting with Taxi and Private Hire Operators, which took place in Inverurie on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Aberdeenshire Council has agreed the following proposed fare structure for Aberdeenshire:-

To take effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2010	6 am to 10 pm	10 pm to 6 am <sup>1.</sup>	Pub 10pm to 6am <sup>2.</sup>	Hol to	Xmas/New Year <sup>3.</sup>
The first 880 yards or part thereof	£2.60	£3.60	£4.60		£5.20
Each additional 1/10 <sup>th</sup> part of a mile or part thereof	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20		£0.30
Waiting: 10 pence per	10 seconds	10 seconds	10 seconds		10 seconds
1. The late-night scale applies to Public Holidays (6am – 10pm) also. Public Holidays are defined as “ 3 January, Good Friday and May Day.” 2. This scale applies to Public Holidays (10pm – 6am). Public Holidays are defines as “3 January, Good Friday and May Day.” 3. The Festive Season tariff applies to each hiring between 1800 Hrs 24 December and 0600 Hrs 27 December, and between 1800 Hrs 31 December and 0600 Hrs 3 January. 4. In vehicles so licensed carrying more than four passengers, a surcharge of 50% of the above fares may be charged. 5. If paying by debit/credit card this may attract a 10% service charge in addition to the fare shown					
Booking Fee - £0.50 (£1.00 if picking up a pre-booked fare from the Airport) – to be shown on the meter					
Passengers are carried on the understanding that the Driver may charge a passenger creating an un acceptable mess in the Taxi a maximum of £50					

The above table reflects a change to the existing fare scale. The changes are –

- ◆ New tariff to apply between 10p.m. and 6.a.m. on Public Holidays only
- ◆ Mileage reduced from 1/9<sup>th</sup> mile to 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile
- ◆ Waiting time on the standard tariff reduced from 15 seconds to 10 seconds
- ◆ Notification to passengers that anyone paying by debit/credit card may attract a 10% surcharge to the fare shown on the meter
- ◆ Increase of booking fee to 50p and clarification that it will be shown on the meter
- ◆ Introduction of £1 booking fee for any pre-booked fare being collected at Aberdeen Airport.

The above fare structure will also appear in the Press and Journal Newspaper and at the Licensing section (click on Legal Services on the left-hand side of the page, then licensing, then taxi fares) of Aberdeenshire Council's website at: [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk) on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010

In addition, the Licensing Sub-Committee wishes to obtain the views of taxi operators on the undernoted proposals:-

1. Those operators attending the meeting asked again for the Council to consider a requirement for calendar controlled meters so that the correct tariff is shown at the correct time. There was insufficient support for this at the last consultation. There was strong support at the meeting for this and so the Committee is considering introducing a requirement that these meters be installed in all vehicles using a meter. The Committee is seeking your views on the introduction of these meters at this time.

Any person wishing to make representations with regard to any or all of the proposals may do so in writing to "the Head of Service, Legal and Governance, Aberdeenshire Council, St. Leonard's, Sandyhill Road, Banff, AB45 1BH" within a period of one month from the date of publication of the notice of the proposals.

Alternatively, representations may be e-mailed to [fiona.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) .

It is important that you advise the Committee of your views. If you do not respond the Committee may assume that you are in agreement with the proposals outlined in this letter.

Yours faithfully,

**Senior Solicitor (Licensing)**