

Tendring District Council

Taxi News

July 2022

Hackney Carriage Fare Increase

It was requested by the Clacton Taxi and Private Hire Group for an increase in the scale of fares, and a change in distance to the Hackney Carriage fares currently charged within the District. This was discussed at the Licensing and Registration Committee on Thursday 21 July 2022 where members of that Committee agreed to consult with the trade and public.

Tendring District Council propose to increase the maximum rate of fares in respect of Licensed Hackney Carriages plying for hire within the District of Tendring. Any objections to the proposed increase must be received by 10 August 2022. The proposed new maximum rate of fares will be as advertised below with the following increases:-

1. MILEAGE

- (a) If the distance does not exceed **235 yards** for the whole distance **£3.40**
(b) For each subsequent **235 yards** or uncompleted part thereof **£0.30**

In addition to (a) above

See the comparison fare table showing the effect of the tariff changes:

Distance	Current Tariff £	New Tariff £
Ring on	3.00	3.40
1 mile	4.70	5.35
Thereafter	1.90	2.25
2 miles	6.60	7.60
3 miles	8.50	9.85

Any person wishing to object to the proposed increase rate of fares should submit details of their objection to the licensing office by no later than 10 August 2022.

If no objections are received, then the licensing office will inform all taxi drivers of this and give a go ahead date for change.

Should any written objections be received to the increase then this will go back to Members of the Council's Licensing and Registration Committee for their information and consideration on 31 August 2022.

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Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 1SE

Email: licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk

Licensing Staff

Since this month we had had a new member of staff join the Licensing Department. We are pleased to welcome Kim Black to the team. She will be the main contact for any applications or queries relating to driver or vehicle licences and can be contacted either on the general telephone number 01255 686565 or by email taxi@tendringdc.gov.uk

Driver Applications – Online HMRC Tax Code

From 4 April 2022 Local Authorities are now required to carry out extra checks for those who apply for a licence. Individuals, companies and any type of partnership must complete a HMRC tax check and give their licensing authority a tax check code. We are then required to use the tax check code to confirm that the tax check has taken place before your application can be finalised. When you submit your application you can use the following link and follow the online instructions to complete the tax check <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-a-tax-check-for-a-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence>

Address History on Disclosure and Barring Forms (DBS)

We are still receiving numerous forms back from the DBS, as applicants have not completed their 5-year address history correctly. Can we please remind you that all addresses must be included and there are no breaks between addresses. Please also remember to include any addresses that you have listed on previous applications. The DBS have informed the Licensing Office that any forms that are submitted with this information will have their application withdrawn. Therefore, you will be required to submit a new form together with a further £40 and your licence may be suspended until the DBS check has been completed.

Applications/Documents/Payments

Applications should be submitted via e-mail (licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk or taxi@tendringdc.gov.uk) payments can be made over the telephone using either a credit or debit card. Please ensure that the email document is no larger than 25mb as these are unable to pass the Council's email security system.

For drivers who still wish to post their applications/documents please ensure that these are sent via Royal Mail to the Town Hall address. All post received through Royal Mail is scanned to the team by TDC in order to reduce delay.

How to pay fees

Please ensure that you either pay online using the TDC website, or phone the office on 01255 68 6565 to pay. You will need your invoice number for both methods of payment. If you are unable to pay by credit/debit card then cheques can still be posted to the Licensing Team via Royal Mail. Please note that cheques are taking approximately 4 weeks to be processed. Please be aware that Tendring District Council Licensing Office are no longer able to accept cash payments, we are however still able to accept cheques, postal orders and credit/debit card payments.