

MAXIMUM TABLE OF FARES

inclusive of VAT (where applicable)



Passengers are only obliged to pay the fare shown on the meter

1. **TARIFF 1 – Daytime** – Except as in Tariffs 3 and 4 below, for any hiring begun after 6.00 a.m. and before 11.00 p.m. on any day

Fare for Distance

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| (a) | For the first 110 metres or part thereof | £2.00 |
| (b) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.20 |
| (c) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.20 |
| (d) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.20 |
| (e) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.20 |
| (f) | For each subsequent 235 metres or part thereof | £0.20 |

Waiting Time – For each period of forty-five seconds or part thereof £0.20

2. **TARIFF 2 – Night-Time** – Except as in Tariff 4 below, for any hiring begun after 11.00 p.m. and before 6.00 a.m. on any day

Fare for Distance

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| (a) | For the first 110 metres or part thereof | £2.75 |
| (b) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.25 |
| (c) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.25 |
| (d) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.25 |
| (e) | For the next 110 metres or part thereof | £0.25 |
| (f) | For each subsequent 235 metres or part thereof | £0.25 |

Waiting Time – For each period of forty-five seconds or part thereof £0.25

3. **TARIFF 3 – Sundays, Bank Holidays and New Year** - Except as in Tariff 4 below, for any hiring begun after 6.00 a.m. and before 11.00 p.m. on a Sunday, Good Friday, a Bank or Public Holiday, or 1st January, Tariff 1 above plus a surcharge, per hiring, of £1.00

4. **TARIFF 4 – Christmas and New Year** – For any hiring begun after 8.00 p.m. on the 24th December and before 6.00 a.m. on the 27th December or after 8.00 p.m. on the 31st December and before 6.00 a.m. on the 1st January Double the rate of Tariff 1

5. **ITCHEN BRIDGE TOLLS**

If any hiring involves crossing the Itchen Bridge, and a toll is payable, there shall be added to the fare a sum equivalent to the toll paid

6. **SOILING CHARGE**

If the hackney carriage is soiled by a passenger or an animal £50.00

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16th October 2006

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Southampton Taxi Trade Proposal for the 2008 Fare Increase

March 2008

The Southampton Taxi Trade is requesting the following increase to the Southampton City Council fare structure. The last increase was in October 2006, 18 months ago.

Now that the Government has re-adjusted their calculation of the cost of living to one that is closer to what we all experience in daily life the figure they have put on inflation is now just above 4%. This is also reflected in the rises in the Bank Base rates which have increased loan repayments for vehicles and increased servicing costs. Also because Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles have to be over 1500 cc and of a reasonable size they also do not benefit from lower excise duty and reduced fuel usage. The price of fuel has also continued to increase dramatically since the last fare increase 18 months ago.

With several businesses closing in the area due to financial pressures, it is hoped that the Council is doing all it can to promote the City and help businesses develop rather than let them fold under the increasing legislative pressure. The significant rise in the fuel prices does put pressure on everyone's economy and but especially taxi drivers therefore the proposal is for an increase that is at least keeping pace with inflation and to be able to withstand the latest rises to their costs.

Also to help relieve some of the pressure on the licensing department when they test the taximeters every year it is proposed that a simpler tariff structure be implemented over the next three increases.

The increase proposed by the Southampton Taxi Trade for 2008 is that the five shorter drop followed by a longer subsequent drop structure currently being used be replaced over this three increase period by a uniform drop structure.

Because the Trade is aware that to change this present structure immediately in one go would be alarming to the members of the public and cause unjustified condemnation of the Council and the Trade by the press. It could lead to conflicts on the ranks for the drivers especially at night putting them at risk therefore the trade is proposing the following three stage approach. This is hoped to minimise problems all round and would effectively give an average 3.4% increase each time at its usual annual review.

The proposed fare structure for 2008 is that the initial displayed fare during the Day Time Tariff should be increased by 0.20p to £2.20 followed by four instead of the current five 110 metre drops of £0.20 and then every subsequent £0.20p drop would be reduced by 10 metres to 225 metres. The Night Time Tariff would follow the same drop sequence and the initial displayed fare would also be increased by £0.20p to £2.95 and each following drop will remain at £0.25.

The waiting times and the Sunday and Bank Holiday Tariffs would remain the same, but the trade has agreed to reduced the period of the double tariffs by not charging that rate until 23.00 hours on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and to reduce the New Year's Day tariff after 06.00 to the Sunday and Bank Holiday rate.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Johnson
Chairman
On behalf of the Southampton Taxi Trade

PROPOSED MAXIMUM TABLE OF FARES

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Passengers are only obliged to pay the fare shown on the meter except where a surcharge for journeys ending outside the city has been agreed before the hiring commences

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Fare for Distance

(a) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£2.20
(b) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£0.20
(c) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£0.20
(d) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£0.20
(e) For each subsequent 225 metres or part thereof	£0.20

Waiting Time – For each period of forty-five seconds or part thereof £0.20
2. **TARIFF 2 – Night-Time** – Except as in Tariff 4 below, for any hiring begun after 11.00 p.m. and before 6.00 a.m. on any day

Fare for Distance

(a) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£2.95
(b) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£0.25
(c) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£0.25
(d) For the first 110 metres or part thereof	£0.25
(e) For each subsequent 225 metres or part thereof	£0.25

Waiting Time – For each period of forty-five seconds or part thereof £0.25
3. **TARIFF 3 – Sundays, Bank Holidays and New Year** - Except as in Tariff 4 below, for any hiring begun after 6.00 a.m. and before 11.00 p.m. on a Sunday, Good Friday, a Bank or Public Holiday, or 1st January, Tariff 1 above plus a surcharge, per hiring, of £1.00
4. **TARIFF 4 – Christmas and New Year** – For any hiring begun after 11.00 p.m. on the 24th December and before 6.00 a.m. on the 27th December or after 11.00 p.m. on the 31st December and before 6.00 a.m. on the 1st January Double the rate of Tariff 1
5. **ITCHEN BRIDGE TOLLS**
If any hiring involves crossing the Itchen Bridge, and a toll is payable, there shall be added to the fare a sum equivalent to the toll paid
6. **DOCKS FEE**
For any hiring commencing at an ABP cruise terminal, there shall be added to the fare the sum of £1.00
7. **SOILING CHARGE**
If the hackney carriage is soiled by a passenger or an animal £50.00

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