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**AN ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS**

By Gordon

Amending Title 13, Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Taxicabs.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 341.720 of the above-entitled Ordinance be amended to read as follows:

341.720. Mileage charges. The maximum rate of fare based upon mileage shall be as follows:

For each load of five (5) passengers, or less, for the first one-fifth (1/5) mile or fraction thereof . . . \$2.50

For each succeeding one-fifth (1/5) of a mile, or fraction thereof . . . ~~0.47~~ as established pursuant to Section 341.775

A driver may require a five-dollar (\$5.00) minimum charge to employ any taxicab in Minneapolis. If a driver chooses to require a minimum fare, the minimum charge shall be displayed on both sides and the rear of each vehicle. In addition, such notice of minimum charge shall be posted inside in a manner clearly legible to passengers, nor shall any operator be barred from offering a discount to senior citizens whom have attained the age of sixty-five (65) years of age.

Section 2. That Section 341.775 of the above-entitled Ordinance be amended to read as follows:

341.775. Review of fares. (a) Taxicab fare rates shall be reviewed by the director annually. The maximum meter fare amounts for mileage charges herein established shall be subject to an automatic annual ~~twelve-month~~ adjustment effective each ~~March~~ October first thereafter in a percentage equal to annual ~~twelve-month~~ changes in the ~~Midwest Region CPI-U (Consumer Price Index-Urban), Transportation Expenditure Category, for the period ending December thirty-first of the preceding calendar year~~ Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index, rounded to the nearest hundredth of one percent. The Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall consist of a weighted combination of five selected consumer price indexes as published by the United States Department of Labor, a total taxicab fleet size factor, and a license and inspection fee factor as

calculated for the preceding twelve-month period ending on June thirtieth of that year. The composition of the Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be as specified in subsection (c) and the resulting calculation of any change to the maximum rate charge for each one-fifth (1/5) mile increment shall be rounded up to the next whole cent. Notification of the annual adjustment to the taxicab meter rate shall be made to all taxicab service ~~company~~ companies at least thirty (30) days prior to taking effect.

(b) The initial maximum meter fare rates shall be equal to the rates that were in effect on February 28, 2009. The first automatic twelve-month adjustment to these rates as provided for pursuant to this section shall take effect October 1, 2010. The maximum percentage increase to the Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be capped at ten percent (10%) for each twelve-month period unless the city council adopts a greater rate of increase by resolution. The maximum percentage decrease to the Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be capped at five percent (5%) for each twelve-month period unless the city council adopts a greater rate of decrease by resolution.

(c) The Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be comprised of the following indexes and factors, which shall be weighted as indicated:

TABLE INSET:

<u>CPI and factors</u>	<u>Weighting</u>
<u>Midwest Region CPI-U (Consumer Price Index-Urban) Transportation Expenditure Category; (Series ID CUURO200SAT)</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>National CPI-U Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Series ID CUUROOOOSETD)</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>National CPI-U Motor Vehicle Parts and Equipment (Series ID CUUROOOOSETC)</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>National CPI-U Motor Vehicle Insurance (Series ID CUUROOOOSETE)</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>Midwest Region CPI-U All Consumers, all Items (Series ID CUUS0000SA0)</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>Minneapolis taxicab fleet size, percentage change to total licensed fleet</u>	<u>8%</u>
<u>Minneapolis taxicab license and inspection fees, average of percentage changes to each</u>	<u>2%</u>