

BYLAW NO. 9908

The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)

The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No.3)*.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019* to:
 - (a) make licence fees non-refundable;
 - (b) require licensees to notify the City of any changes to the information provided in their applications for licences;
 - (c) unless otherwise permitted by the City, prohibit persons from applying for licences where, within the preceding year, an application of the person was denied or the person's licence was suspended or cancelled;
 - (d) require taxi brokerages to submit applications for taxi licences and wheelchair accessible taxi licences on behalf of applicants;
 - (e) repeal the requirement to pay a fee of \$375.00 to transfer taxi licences and wheelchair accessible taxi licences;
 - (f) increase the vehicle-for-hire service minimum fare to \$4.75;
 - (g) increase the taximeter fare for the first 125 metres or portion thereof to \$4.75;
 - (h) clarify how fares are charged when taxis are engaged but not in motion; and
 - (i) make minor housekeeping amendments.

Bylaw No. 9651 Amended

3. *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019* is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

Section 8 Amended

4. (1) Subsection 8(2) is repealed and the following substituted:
- “(2) All fees paid to the City pursuant to this Bylaw are non-refundable, including fees paid in respect to licences that are suspended or cancelled or applications that are denied.”.
- (2) Subsection 8(3) is repealed.

New Sections 9.1 and 9.2

5. The following sections are added after section 9:

“Changes to Information in Licence Applications

- 9.1 Licensees, or taxi brokerages in the case of taxi licences or wheelchair accessible taxi licences, must notify the City immediately of any changes to any of the information provided in their application for a licence or licence renewal.

No Applications for One Year Period

- 9.2 (1) Unless otherwise permitted by the City, no person shall apply for a licence or licence renewal within one year of the date that their:
- (a) application for a licence or licence renewal was denied; or
- (b) licence was suspended or cancelled.
- (2) In the event a person submits an application contrary to subsection (1), the City may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, deny the application and advise the person of the date after which they may submit a new application.
- (3) There is no right of appeal in respect to an application that has been denied pursuant to subsection (2).”.

New Section 15.1

6. The following section is added before section 16 and after the “Taxi and Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licence” Division header:

“Definitions

- 15.1 In this Division, “**applicant**” means the person to whom the licence being applied for will be issued.”.

Section 16 Amended

7. Subsection 16(1) is repealed and the following substituted:

- “(1) An application for a taxi licence or a wheelchair accessible taxi licence shall be made to the City:
- (a) by the taxi brokerage to which the applicant is affiliated; and
 - (b) on such forms and accompanied by such information as required by the City.”.

Section 18 Amended

8. (1) Clause 18(1)(b) is amended by adding “and” after “.”.
- (2) Clause 18(1)(c) is amended by striking out “; and” and substituting “.”.
- (3) Clause 18(1)(d) is repealed.

Section 62 Amended

9. Subsection 62(3) is repealed.

Schedule “A” Amended

10. Section 3 of Schedule “A” is repealed.

Schedule "A" to Bylaw 9908

Schedule "B"

Fares

Vehicle-for-Hire Service Fares

Minimum Vehicle-for-Hire Service Fare

1. The minimum fare for a vehicle-for-hire service shall be at least \$4.75 per trip.

Taxi Fares

Taximeter Fares

2. (1) Once engaged, amounts shall be added to the taximeter as follows:
 - (a) \$4.75 for the first 125 metres or any portion thereof;
 - (b) \$0.25 for each additional 117 metres or any portion thereof; and
 - (c) \$0.25 for every 35 seconds of time, calculated cumulatively, that the taximeter is engaged but the taxi is fully stopped, including when the taxi is waiting to load passengers pursuant to subsection 36(4) of the Bylaw.
- (2) The general fare for a taxi shall be the amount shown on the taximeter at the end of a trip.
- (3) The fare for a van taxi that is carrying more than four passengers, or that is carrying an amount of luggage or freight that cannot be accommodated in a sedan-type taxi, is 1.5 times the amount shown on the taximeter at the end of a trip.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply to wheelchair accessible taxis carrying a passenger using a wheelchair or other mobility aid.

Hourly Taxi Fares

3. Notwithstanding section 2, the following fare applies to a taxi being used on an hourly rate basis:

- (a) \$40.00 per hour up to 16 kilometres; and
- (b) \$2.14 for each additional kilometre in excess of 16 kilometres.

General Taxi Fare Provisions

- 4. (1) All taxi fares established by this Schedule shall include the federal Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) There shall be no extra charge to the taxi fare for normal hand baggage.
- (3) In addition to any of the taxi fares established by this Schedule:
 - (a) when payment is made by debit transaction, an optional surcharge of up to \$0.90 may be added to the taxi fare per debit transaction; and
 - (b) when the commercial curb fee is incurred by a taxi, an amount equivalent to the commercial curb fee shall be added to the taxi fare.
- (4) In accordance with section 37 of the Bylaw, an amount of \$100.00 may be added to the taxi fare when a passenger soils the interior of a taxi with bodily fluids.