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Staff Report

Taxi Fees and Charges - For the purpose of increasing the authorized mileage rate charged by taxicabs licensed by the City of Annapolis from \$2.00 per mile to \$2.50 per mile.

The City of Annapolis set the presently authorized Taxi Fees and Charges in July, 2000. The cost of rising gasoline prices and license fee increases since 2000 have been borne solely by the taxicab licensees. The United States Department of Energy reports that the average retail price of gasoline in the United States increased by 104% between July, 2000 and October 2014. The City of Annapolis raised the fee for taxicab licenses within the City by 92% on July 1, 2014. Taxicabs licensed to operate in Anne Arundel County and out of Baltimore Washington/Thurgood Marshall International Airport charge customers \$2.50 per mile. The rate of \$2.50 per mile would be an increase of 25% compared to the present rate of \$2.00 per mile in Annapolis. The Consumer Price Index of All Urban Consumers in the Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV Area increased by 43% between July, 2000 and July 2014.

Section 7.48.570 of the Annapolis City Code provides that the City Council shall establish by resolution rates that may be charged by persons owning or operating a taxicab licensed by the City.

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