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## City of Seattle Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle Rules

### Rule R-6.310.530.A

#### Seattle Taximeter Rate, Alternative Rates and For-Hire Vehicle Zone Fares

#### SMC 6.310.530.B, 6.310.530.C

- (1) All taxicab fares must be computed by taximeters except when the trip is provided under an alternate rate (airport flat rate, contract rate or special rate) authorized by SMC 6.310.530.A or when the trip is on an application dispatch system.
- (2) The taximeter must be tested and sealed by the Director pursuant to SMC 7.04.

<b>Taximeter Rate</b>	
<b>Drop Charge</b>	\$2.60 for first 1/9 mile increment.
<b>Distance Charge</b>	\$0.30 for each 1/9 mile increment after the first 1/9 mile increment [\$2.70 per mile] at speeds above 11 miles per hour.
<b>Time Charge</b>	\$0.30 per 36 seconds [\$0.50 per minute] at speeds below 11 miles per hour.
<b>Other Charges</b>	<b>(May be added to taximeter fare if applicable)</b>
<b>Per Passenger</b>	\$0.50 per person for more than two persons excluding children under twelve years of age.
<b>Tolls</b>	Toll or charge established for roads, bridges, tunnels or ferries while passengers are being transported.
<b>Temporary Fuel Surcharge</b>	Per trip fee authorized by Director pursuant to SMC 6.310.530.A and Rule R-6.310.530.F <i>Temporary Fuel Surcharge</i> .

- (3) Alternate rates for taxicabs authorized by SMC 6.310.530.A may be used to charge fares for taxicab trips as indicated below:

<b>Alternate Rates</b>	<b>Definitions</b>
<b>Airport Flat Rate</b>	Flat rate filed with the Director for trips from downtown hotel district, as defined at SMC 6.310.530.A, to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.
<b>Contract Rate</b>	Rates filed with the Director established pursuant to contracts between taxicab associations and businesses or non-profit organizations whereby passengers pay fares to drivers using vouchers.
<b>Special Rate</b>	Discounted rates filed with the Director, applicable to senior citizens and persons with special needs, that are calculated as a percentage of the taximeter rate or a fixed dollar amount per trip.
<b>Application Dispatch System</b>	Rates and fares, not required to be filed with the director, that are displayed via the internet on mobile interfaces such as smartphone applications. See Rule R-6.310.530.B <i>Application Dispatch System</i> .

(4) Alternate rates for taxicabs must be filed with the Director on forms provided for that purpose. The filing requirements are as follows:

<b>Alternate Rates</b>	<b>Filing Requirements</b>
<b>Airport Flat Rate</b>	At annual taxicab association license application. May be adjusted.
<b>Contract Rate</b>	Within two weeks of securing contract and before implementing contract rate.
<b>Special Rate</b>	At annual taxicab association license application. May be changed once per year.
<b>Application Dispatch System</b>	Not required to be filed. See Rule R-6.310.530.B <i>Application Dispatch System</i> .

(5) For-hire vehicles must charge for service based on one of the following methods:

<b>Fare Methods</b>	<b>Definitions</b>
<b>Flat Rate</b>	Flat charge by zone filed with the Director. Zone boundaries will be the same as for ZIP code zones. Flat rate may vary by time of day.
<b>Contract Rate</b>	Rates filed with the Director established pursuant to contracts between for-hire vehicle companies and businesses or non-profit organizations whereby passengers pay fares to drivers using vouchers.
<b>Hourly Rate</b>	Hourly rate filed with Director. Minimum increment of ½ hour. Hourly rate may vary by time of day.
<b>Special Rate</b>	Discounted rates filed with the Director, applicable to senior citizens and persons with special needs, that are calculated as a fixed dollar amount per trip.
<b>Application Dispatch System</b>	Not required to be filed. See Rule R-6.310.530.B <i>Application Dispatch System</i> .

(6) The use of coupons or discounts to establish lower rates, for taxicabs or for-hire vehicles, is prohibited unless using an application dispatch system.

(7) No written contract may include a provision requiring the exclusive use of the transportation services of the contracting taxicab association or for-hire vehicle company either directly or indirectly.

(8) Operators of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles and transportation network companies are prohibited from establishing additional charges for the transport of persons with disabilities unless part of a contract rate.