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Temporary Fuel Surcharge.

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City of Seattle Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle Rules

Rule R-6.310.530I
Temporary Fuel Surcharge

Seattle Municipal Code subsection 6.310.530I reads as follows:

I. The Director is authorized to approve a temporary fuel surcharge to be added to the taxicab meter rate, or the flat rate for trips from the downtown hotel district to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, any time the price of fuel, as published by the American Automobile Association, exceeds a fuel surcharge trigger price established pursuant to an administrative rule adopted by the Director. The surcharge shall be an amount necessary to recoup the increased fuel costs.

The following rule provides guidance for implementing this provision as authorized by the Seattle Municipal Code.

1. Effective October 1, 2008, the following table shows the calculations that the director will use in establishing the temporary fuel surcharge:

FUEL SURCHARGE	
GASOLINE PRICE	TRIP SURCHARGE
\$4.00	None
5.00	\$1.00
5.50	1.50
6.00	2.00
6.50	2.50
7.00	3.00
7.50	3.50

The per trip surcharge will continue to increase in \$0.50 increments for every \$0.50 increase in the price of gasoline beyond the values shown in the table.

NOTES: (1) Assumes \$4.00 base price for gasoline. If the taximeter rate is changed, this table will be adjusted with a new base price. (2) Surcharge assumes average paid trip length is 5 miles and fuel consumption is 10 miles per gallon. Fuel use per round trip is 1 gallon. (3) Fuel price is for regular unleaded gasoline as reported by the American Automobile Association Daily Fuel Gauge Report [<http://www.fuelgauge.com/WAmetro.asp>].

2. The current price of gasoline must remain at or above a trigger level in the table for 14 days before a surcharge, or an increase in the surcharge, may be authorized by the Director.

3. The Director will provide each taxicab association with printed fuel surcharge notices that must be placed on the dashboard of each affiliated taxicab so that they are visible to all passengers. The notices must be returned to the Director when the surcharge is changed or removed. The printed notice will carry the heading "Fuel Surcharge" and read as follows:

A TEMPORARY FUEL SURCHARGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00 PER TRIP, FOR ALL TRIPS BEGINNING IN THE CITY OF SEATTLE, WILL BE ADDED TO THE TAXIMETER FARE OR AIRPORT FLAT RATE DUE TO RECENT INCREASES IN FUEL PRICES [SMC 6.310.530 I].

4. Fuel surcharges may be removed or reduced after the current price of gasoline remains below a level in the table for 14 consecutive days.

5. Fuel surcharges are not applicable to contract rates.

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