

SOUTH RIBBLE TAXI DRIVERS REQUEST FOR TARIFF INCREASE

We taxi drivers of South Ribble are requesting a Tariff increase.

The last tariff increase was over 5 years ago. Since then the cost of living has gone through the roof & sadly does not look at slowing down.

We the taxi drivers, have been talking among ourselves & trying to come up with what we really feel needs changing within our current tariff card. The request we are asking for is taking into account the current cost of living & keeping in mind very much our customer base.

- Flag drop (reflecting almost 6 years from last tariff increase)
- Soiling charge (that is long overdue increase, mainly down to valet costs & having to leave the road until vehicle clean & dry)
- Waiting time increase (this reflects on our best effort into keeping the increase on the tariff to a minimum)

Taxi Cost increases this year alone on running cost of vehicles has increased, from parts & labour, insurance along with the rapid increase in vehicle purchasing costs. The price of Fuel has also gone through the roof, having jumped up £0.20p a litre on average to eye watering £1.50+ a litre at BP & SHELL garages.

The increase we are asking for has taken all of this into account & even though a lot of drivers was asking for a greater increase, the strong argument of the majority has been accepted to make it as less harsh as possible.

We have taken into account all of the customer base & especially the elderly within the community, however sadly we all have livings to make & family's to feed, along with bills to pay. We have also noticed a huge reduction in our elderly going shopping, we have put this down to the pandemic & families having made other arrangements in getting shopping delivered to the parents homes.

- FLAG DROP INCREASE current £2.20 request increase on Flag drop to £2.70 increase of 0.50p. This increase of £0.50p be across the tariffs so T1 £2.70. T2 £3.50. T3 £4.50. on the flag drop. The measured mile to stay the same as what is already in place. Along with the running mile & time & ¼ on T2 & time & ½ on T3.
- Soiling charge is currently £40.00 this we request to increase to £100.00 maximum. Reason as outlined above due to increased charges for valeting and the fact that we are forced off the road until clean & dry seating and vehicle. (cost is for covering some loss of earnings & valet costs).
- Waiting time is currently £0.10p every 30 seconds which relates to £12.00 per hour. This has caused much discussion among drivers, we felt that with this increasing to £0.10 every 20 seconds helps us keeping the running mile at £2.00 a running mile after the first mile & keeping the flag drop to only a £0.50p increase. This would increase our waiting time from £12.00 per hour to £18.00 per hour. This reflects the worst times of driving within traffic and other problems when dealing with the public.

We are submitting this as our request to increasing our Flag Drop, please reflect that this is the first time we have requested this ourselves. We understand that previous drivers have always submitted tariff increases in the past and sadly these drivers have left or are getting ready for retirement.

Thanking you

