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To Members of the Licensing Committee

Your ref: Our ref:

South Ribble,

Please ask for Charles or Sam Oakes

Monday 11th July 2022

Dear Members of the Licensing Committee

Ref: Formal Request for a fare increase for Hackney Carriages in South Ribble.

We Hackney Drivers Association Ltd have been instructed by our members to formally apply for a Fare Increase for Hackney Carriages in South Ribble who are responding to significant economic factors the trade thinks need addressing by requesting the consideration by the South Ribble Council of a Fare Increase to be approved by the council in South Ribble due to the significant increase in Fuel over since the start of 2022, along with other cost rises we understand that there as been a fare review in 2022, however, the Taxi trade in South Ribble is still well down at 172 in the Hackney Fare Tables, we would all so like to build in a review ever year so the trade may move with the times and not fall back behind.

The fuel prices table below provides information on the fuel price changes in the northwest and nationally since January 2022. We got this data from the AA website's monthly price report.

The AA source the data from Experian Catalist and take average mid-month prices from respective regions

DIESEL PRICES		North West Average Price pence/litre	UK Average Price Pence/litre
June	2022	196.1	196.4
May	2022	177.9	180.4
April	2022	175.0	175.9
March	2022	174.3	173.8
February	2022	151.3	151.6
January	2022	148.7	148.0

PETROL PRICES	North West Average Price pence/litre	UK Average Price Pence/litre
June 2022	188.4	188.8
May 2022	166.4	166.9
April 2022	161.9	162.2
March 2022	163.8	163.8
February 2022	147.9	148.1
January 2022	145.4	145.7

We understand that this request is coming soon after the other one in February 2022 but prices have continued to rise not only for fuel but for food, Gas, and Electric, and with electricity set to go up again in October 2022.

And therefore the association agrees with the trade that the need for this should be made now

New Hackney Carriage Table of Fares from July 2022

Applies to all journeys within the Borough Boundary, and to journeys outside the Borough Boundary unless agreed otherwise between driver and hirer, prior to the hiring being commenced. Fares detailed below are the maximum fares that may be charged.

No other charges may be made.

Tariff 1

For hiring commenced between the hours 6.00am and 00.00 (midnight) Monday to Sunday:

- For the first two tenths of a mile £3.00
- For each succeeding tenth of a mile £0.25

Tariff 2

For hiring commenced between the hours 00.00 (midnight) and 6.00am, Statutory Holidays and Bank Holidays (excluding Christmas and New Year), or when carrying 5 or more passengers on Tariff 1 rates*:

- For the first two tenths a mile £3.50
- For each succeeding tenth of a mile thereafter £0.30

Tariff 3

For hiring commenced between the hours 6.00pm Christmas Eve and 6.00am 27th December and between 6.00pm New Year's Eve and 6.00am 2nd January or when carrying 5 or more passengers on Tariff 2 rates*:

- For the first two tenths of a mile £4.50
- For each succeeding tenth of a mile thereafter £0.40
- Extra per person when actually carrying 5 or more passengers on Tariff 3 rates* £0.40
- Waiting time on each tariff for each period of 30 seconds or uncompleted thereof £0.10 Extras (optional)
- For each passenger in excess of 1 for each whole journey £ 0.20
- For each article of luggage £ 0.20
- For each dog carried (except guide, hearing or other assistance dogs) £ 1.00
- For the soiling of the vehicle so as to necessitate valeting; not exceeding £100.00
 - * Driver must make the hirer aware at the start of the journey.

Complaints or Compliments

Details of complaints or compliments should be forwarded to: Licensing Unit, South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH.

Remember to note the licence plate number and ask for a receipt for the journey.

Regards Charles Oakes The Hackney Drivers Association.