

# TAXI NEWS

23 July 2018

## PROPOSED FARE TARIFF

On Wednesday 18 July 2018, the Licensing & Registration Committee considered the proposal made by the Tendring District Taxi Association to raise the Hackney Carriage fare tariff, which had last increased in 2012.

As explained in the previous edition of Taxi News; an objection had been received by the Licensing office during the 14 day public consultation period and so the Committee were required to meet for a second time in order to make a final decision, taking into account comments made during the consultation.

**We can now inform you that the Committee have agreed to pass the proposal to raise the Tendring fare tariff and this will become effective on Wednesday 15 August 2018. Please ensure you make arrangements for on or shortly after that date to make the amendments to your meter.**

Enclosed with this newsletter is an A5 paper copy of the new fare tariff, please ensure these are displayed within your vehicles in a visible position from Wednesday 15 August 2018, but not before that date.

Once more to clarify; you must not have your meters altered nor can you begin to use the new tariff until **Wednesday 15 August 2018**.

Below you will find a small list of contractors that we are aware of who can make the necessary amendments to your meters. As always, the details below are for the information and assistance of licence holders/proprietors only. It is not an endorsement or guarantee of the contractor or their work by Tendring District Council.

GWE Installation Services - 15 Hayes Road, Clacton on Sea. Phone 01255-435845 or 07772 707810 or e-mail [info@gweinstalls.co.uk](mailto:info@gweinstalls.co.uk)

Starling Taxi Meters - Based in Colchester but travels to you. Phone 07711 393842 or e-mail [i.starling@ntlworld.com](mailto:i.starling@ntlworld.com)

## AIR SHOW 2018 - STAFFING

This year's Clacton Air Show takes place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. As is the case every year, Licensing officers will be busy carrying out necessary duties which are always prevalent during the event, such as removing illegal street traders and bogus charity collectors from the area, to name but a few.

We will therefore **not** be operating our usual reception service on the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August between the hours of 13.00-16.00. It will not be possible to arrange appointments on either the Thursday or Friday, and you may also experience some small delays if attempting to contact via telephone.

Reception will be operating as normal on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between the hours of 10.00-12.00. Please ensure that any urgent applications and/or documentation are submitted during these times at the latest.



### RECEPTION - NORTHBOURNE DEPOT

Our reception service remains based at Northbourne Depot, Vista Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 6AY, during the normal hours, which for reference can be seen at the bottom of this newsletter. If you plan to bring any documentation to us it must be taken to Northbourne Depot during reception hours only, unless otherwise agreed. Do not go to the Pier Avenue office as we are unable to cater for visits until the building works are completed. We will notify you once this changes. Anything that is sent via post should continue to go to our Pier Avenue address which is; 88-90 Pier Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1TN.

### PARKING NEARBY SCHOOLS

We have been informed by a Local Councillor that they have received a number of complaints from their constituents in regards to the driving standards of various taxis and private hire vehicles around Holland Park primary school, during the beginning and end of the school day on a regular basis.

We fully understand and acknowledge that taxis and private hire vehicles are an essential service for transport to and from school and you will be keen to collect and drop passengers off as close to the school entrances as possible, but you do need to consider that you are doing so legally, while also being mindful of nearby pedestrians, cyclists, road traffic and residential properties.

While our information has been received in relation to Holland Park, the same of course applies to every school inside and outside the district therefore we will take the opportunity to remind you of the relevant Highway Code regulations.

Do **NOT** stop or park:

- Near a school entrance
- Anywhere that would be preventing access for Emergency Services

- At or near a bus stop
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction
- Opposite a traffic island or another parked vehicle (if it would cause an obstruction)
- On a bend
- On a pedestrian crossing, including the areas marked by zig-zag lines

Not only must you comply with these regulations in order to not be breaking the law, but it will help to reduce traffic congestion, promote the general taxi trade in a positive manner and undoubtedly most importantly to improve the safety and wellbeing of the school children.

### LICENSING TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

E-Mail - [taxi@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:taxi@tendringdc.gov.uk)

Phone - 01255 686565

Reception Open Hours -

Tuesday & Wednesday 10am-12pm

Friday 1-4pm

Thank you for reading this edition of Taxi News. We always welcome suggestions for future newsletters so please let us know if you think there may be something beneficial for your colleagues in the trade to know about. Past newsletters can be viewed on the following web link on the TDC website; <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business/licensing-legislation/taxi-licensing>. In the meantime, continue to enjoy the hot weather while it lasts and please keep safe and drive safe.

# TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

## FARE TARIFF TO TAKE EFFECT 15 AUGUST 2018

- 1. MILEAGE**
  - (a) If the distance does not exceed 200 yards for the whole distance **£3.00**
  - (b) If the distance exceeds 200 yards for the first 200 yards **£3.20**
  - (c) For each subsequent 200 yards or uncompleted part thereof in addition to (b) above **.20**
- 2. WAITING TIME**

For each period of 60 seconds or uncompleted part thereof **.20**
- 3. EXTRA CHARGES**
  - (a) For hirings throughout Sundays and throughout all Bank and Public Holidays and for hirings commencing after Midnight and before 6 a.m. Mondays to Saturdays inclusive **One-half of the above rate of fare**

**Note: When the Bank and Public Holiday charge is payable, the Sunday and night charges are not payable**
  - (b) For each article of luggage conveyed **.20**  
[Luggage means suitcases or trunks but not smaller items such as a briefcase or carrier bag]
  - (c) For each person in excess of one **.20**
  - (d) For each bicycle or non-folding pram **.20**
- 4. MULTI-SEAT VEHICLES**

When used to carry more than 4 passengers or a greater amount of luggage than can be conveyed in a four-seater **Add one-half of the rates specified in 1 or 3(a) above**

**Note: When this charge is payable no further extra charges are applicable.**
- 5. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIODS**

For the Christmas Period – 6 p.m. on 24 December until 7a.m. on 27 December **DoubleTariff 1**  
For the New Year Period – 6 p.m. on 31 December until 7.am. on 2 January
- 6. MULTI-SEAT VEHICLES – CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD**

When used to carry more than 4 passengers or a greater amount of luggage than can be carried in a four seater for the days and times set out in Paragraph 5 above **Double Tariff 1 plus 50%**
- 7. DAMAGE AND SOILAGE CHARGE**

The driver may recover costs under Section 65 of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 from the hirer who will be responsible for any damage to (or human discharge left in) the taxi, which has been caused by the action of the hirer or travelling companion(s), and the hirer will be liable to meet the full cost of restoration work required to make good the effects of the aforementioned damage and/or human discharge.
- 8. CARRIAGES FOR THE DISABLED**

(No extra charges for wheelchairs) **Fares as specified in 1,2 and 3 above**