

## North Somerset Council Decision

**Decision Of: Executive Member Councillor Mike Bell**  
**With Advice From: The Director of Public Health**  
**Directorate: Public Health and Regulatory Services**



**Decision No: PH034 2021 -2022**

**Subject: Revision of Hackney Carriage (Taxi) tariff and charges**

**Key Decision: N/A**

**Reason:** An increase in the metered tariff charges is required to reflect the increase in fuel prices and maintenance costs for vehicles.

### **Background:**

Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 the Council has powers to determine the tariffs and fares charged by Hackney Carriages operating within the North Somerset area. The current tariff scales are shown at Appendix 1.

The Table of Taxi Tariffs and Fares was last updated was August 2012. Since then, the operating costs involved in providing taxi services have increased significantly. In view of these increases, the trade has requested that the Council allows an increase in the published tariffs and fares.

The Taxi Licensing Policy states that the Licensing Authority shall consider any requests for fare increases which dictate that a variation would be appropriate.

Following the formal request to the Licensing Authority made by members of the hackney trade, all persons holding Hackney Carriage licences were invited to a meeting and discussed the changes being proposed. A consensus vote was taken with a summary of the proposed tariff shown below:

### **TARIFF 1 DAYTIME RATE (6.00AM – Midnight)**

<i>First 250 yards (228.6m) or uncompleted part thereof</i>	<b>£3.50</b>
<i>Each subsequent 210yds (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof</i>	<b>£0.20</b>

### **TARIFF 2 NIGHT – TIME RATE (Midnight – 6.00AM)**

***(Excluding, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Public Bank Holidays)***

<i>First 250 yards (228.6 m) or uncompleted part thereof</i>	<b>£4.50</b>
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<i>Each subsequent 210 yards (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof</i>	<b>£0.25</b>
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**TARIFF 3 CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY**

*First 250 yards (228.6m) or uncompleted part thereof* £6.00

*Each subsequent 210 yards (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof* £0.40

**TARIFF 4 PUBLIC BANK HOLIDAYS (EXCLUDING TARIFF 3 DAYS)**

*First 250 yards (228.6m) or uncompleted part thereof* £4.50

*Each subsequent 210 yards (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof* £0.30

**WAITING TIME (ALL TARIFFS)** For each completed 40 seconds £0.30

**ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS**

*For each passenger in excess of one.* £0.20

**LUGGAGE CHARGE (SINGLE CHARGE)** £0.40

*Includes bags, suitcases and prams but excludes wheelchairs and associated passenger disability equipment.*

**SOILING CHARGE** £100.00

The increases equate locally to around 3% annually since the last review without any interim alterations being sought to recoup losses through that 9-year period.

The revised tariff was duly advertised in a local newspaper and notices placed at the Council Offices. No adverse comments or representations were received against the proposed revisions.

**Decision:**

That the revised Taxi tariff is accepted as detailed above.

**Reasons:**

To reflect the increase in fuel prices and vehicle maintenance costs.

**Options Considered:**

None

**Financial Implications:**

No financial implication to the Council

**Costs:**

None to the Council

**Funding:**

No funding required; vehicle proprietors pay the meter service provider direct for updating their hackney carriage meters to reflect any changes in tariff.

**Legal Powers and Implications:**

Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 the Council has powers to determine the tariffs and fares charged by Hackney Carriages operating within the North Somerset area. There are no implications for the Council.

**Climate Change and Environmental Implications:**

There are no climate or environmental implications noted as part of this decision.

**Consultation:**

A meeting was held with Hackney Carriage Licensees where the revised table of tariff and fares was agreed with the representatives present. All persons holding licences to drive Hackney Carriages were invited to the meeting and informed in writing of the changes being proposed. A notice appeared in the Public Notice section of the Weston and Somerset Mercury on 14 October 2021, a notice was also deposited at the Licensing Office , Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare.

**Risk Management:**

There is no risk the Council

**Equality Implications:**

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes, there are no equality implications noted as part of this decision.

**Corporate Implications:**

None

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1, Copy of the Table of Taxi Tariff 2012

**Background Papers:**

Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976  
North Somerset Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2021 -2023

**Signatories:****Decision Maker(s):**

Signed: 

Title: Executive Member

Date: 22 November 2021

**With Advice From:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Cherry'.

Signed:

Title: Director of Public Health & Regulatory Services

Date: 22 November 2021

# HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF 2012 - 2021

## TARIFF 1 DAYTIME RATE (6.00AM – 6.00PM)

First 250 yards (228.6m) or uncompleted part thereof £2.50

Each subsequent 210yds (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof £0.20

## TARIFF 2 NIGHT – TIME RATE (6PM – MIDNIGHT)

**(Excluding, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day and Public Bank Holidays)**

First 250 yards (228.6 m) or uncompleted part thereof £3.00

Each subsequent 210 yards (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof £0.20

## TARIFF 3 NIGHT-TIME RATE (MIDNIGHT – 6.00AM)

**(Excluding, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day and Public Bank Holidays)**

First 250 yards (228.6m) or uncompleted part thereof £3.30

Each subsequent 210 yards (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof £0.25

## TARIFF 4 CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY

First 250 yards (228.6m) or uncompleted part thereof £5.00

Each subsequent 210 yards (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof £0.40

## TARIFF 5 PUBLIC BANK HOLIDAYS (EXCLUDING TARIFF 4 DAYS)

First 250 yards (228.6m) or uncompleted part thereof £3.75

Each subsequent 210 yards (192.024m) or uncompleted part thereof £0.30

**WAITING TIME (ALL TARIFFS)** For each completed 40 seconds £0.20

## ADDITIONAL CHARGES

### ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS

For each passenger in excess of one. £0.20

### LUGGAGE CHARGE (SINGLE CHARGE)

Includes bags, suitcases and prams but excludes wheelchairs and associated passenger disability equipment. £0.40

### SOILING CHARGE

£80.00