

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Legislative Session \_\_\_\_\_ 1991 \_\_\_\_\_

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ CB-97-1991 \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ 79 \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by \_\_\_\_\_ The Chairman (by request -  
\_\_\_\_\_ County Executive) \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Members Castaldi, Del Giudice,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bell and Casula \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ October 29, 1991 \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL**

AN ACT concerning

Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire

FOR the purpose of clarifying definitions, increasing the regular taxicab rates, and providing for discounted rates in certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 20. TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES  
FOR HIRE.

Sections 20-102,  
20-160(a) and  
20-161(d),

The Prince George's County Code  
(1987 Edition, 1990 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 20-102, 20-160(a) and 20-161(d) of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

**SUBTITLE 20. TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE.**

**DIVISION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

**Sec. 20-102. Definitions.**

Unless otherwise expressly stated, or the context clearly indicates a different intention, the following terms shall, for the purpose of this Subtitle, have the meanings indicated in this Section.

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Personal Service: Any service required by a passenger which necessitates the taxicab driver['s] leaving the [vicinity of a] taxicab.

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**DIVISION 7. RATES AND METERS.**

**Sec. 20-160. Rates.**

(a) Regular Taxicab Rates. The regular rates to be charged by taxicab drivers are as follows:

(1) One Dollar [(\$1.00)] and Twenty Cents (\$1.20) up to the first [one-sixth (1/6)] one-seventh (1/7) of a mile or part thereof traveled. A One Dollar (\$1.00) per trip surcharge is imposed on any trip that originates between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(2) Twenty Cents (\$.20) for each additional [one-sixth (1/6)] one-seventh (1/7) of a mile or part thereof.

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(4) In addition to the mileage charge, there shall be a time charge for any time that the vehicle is stopped or operating at a speed of under [ten (10)] twelve (12) miles per hour at a rate of Twenty Cents (\$.20) for each sixty (60) seconds.

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(7) A service charge of One Dollar (\$1.00) shall be levied by the taxicab driver for any personal service rendered by the driver. However, there shall be no personal service charge levied on any person who is confined to a wheelchair, or is aged sixty (60) and over, or who is blind. There shall be no personal service charge for the removal and carrying of luggage [and trunks] or the use of the trunk of the taxicab provided the passenger is disabled.

[(8) After the initial increment of One Dollar (\$1.00), the rate for waiting time shall be Twenty Cents (\$.20) per delay or stay-over and Twenty Cents (\$.20) per sixty (60) seconds or part thereof with a maximum of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per hour.]

[(9)] (8) The charge for the hiring of a taxicab and driver shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per hour plus mileage.

[(10)] (9) No fee shall be charged for transporting hand-carried luggage or packages. The charge for using the trunk of the taxicab shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) in addition to all other fares.

[(11)] (10) During snow emergency conditions a [One Dollar (\$1.00)] Three Dollars (\$3.00) per trip surcharge is imposed. Snow emergency conditions shall be determined by the Prince George's

County Police Department.

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**Sec. 20-161. Meter requirements.**

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person:

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(3) To carry passengers for hire except while operating the taximeter in accordance with the provisions of this Subtitle, provided, however, that the Director may grant a waiver to this provision for a contract with a government agency filed with the Department that permits discounted rates or rates lower than those computed by the taximeter upon a written determination by the Director that the contract provisions will not result in a significant reduction of service to the general public or impact a licensee's ability to earn a living while maintaining the integrity of the contractual services;

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 26th day of November, 1991.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard J. Castaldi  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Maurene W. Epps  
Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parris N. Glending  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that  
remain unchanged.