

## Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 4/7/2009  
**Reference No.:** CB-003-2009  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** County Executive  
**Sponsor(s):** Olson, Harrison, Dean, Campos, Dernoga  
**Item Title:** An Act amending provisions of the Code relating to regular taxicab rates and the emergency fuel cost surcharge

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**Drafter:** Jacqueline B. Woody, Department of Environmental Resources  
**Resource Personnel:** Thomas F. Matzen, Department of Environmental Resources

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	1/13/2009	<b>Executive Action:</b>	4/15/2009 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	1/13/2009 - PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b>	6/1/2009

**Committee Action:** 3/4/2009 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 3/17/2009  
**Public Hearing:** 4/7/2009 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 4/7/2009 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:-, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

20-160, 20-160.01

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### **Public Safety and Fiscal Management**

**Date 3/4/2009**

Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 as amended (Councilmember's Exum, Knotts, Bland, Campos and Turner)

This bill will make permanent the following changes in Subtitle 20 (taxicabs and limousines), Section 20-160 and 20-160.01 of the County Code:

1. Increase the regular rate charged by taxicab drivers from \$1.50 to \$3.00 up to the first one/seventh (1/7) of a mile or part thereof travel.
2. Increase the time charge from \$.20 to \$.25 for each sixty (60) seconds the vehicle is stopped or operating at a speed of under twelve (12) miles per hour.
3. Increase the average fuel cost for the declaration of a Fuel Cost Emergency surcharge from \$1.45 to \$3.00 per gallon.

The Office of Law has reviewed this bill and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its

enactment.

The legislation was amended on page 2 lines 7 and 8 by deleting the word “shall” and inserting “may”.

The bill was held in committee on 02/04/2009 for additional information on taxicab living wages.

The fiscal impact on the County could not be determined at this time.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This Act will change the regular rates charged by taxicab drivers from \$1.50 to \$3.00 up to the first one-seventh (1/7) of a mile or part thereof traveled; change the time charge from \$.20 to \$.25 for each sixty (60) seconds the vehicle is stopped or operating at a speed of under twelve (12) miles per hour; and change the average fuel cost for declaration of a Fuel Cost Emergency from \$1.45 to \$3.00 per gallon.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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