

Hi Lee

I hope you are well.

At our AGM a few weeks ago, it was agreed that we would apply for a fare increase.

It has been a number of years since we last made changes to the yardage, 2012 in fact. So even though the increase we are looking for is in excess of the inflation rate, the fact that it has been 9 years should hopefully make this possible.

I therefore hope that you can support this and I will be happy (with a colleague) to attend a PPC Meeting in case the Councilors want to discuss this.

I have shown the full details because this makes it easier to verify my calculations on the percentage increase.

PROPOSED TAXI FARES 2021/22 Version 5

Tariff 1 - 1 person £2.60 start for up to 372 yards and every subsequent 186 yards 20p.		Tariff 2 - 1 person £2.60 start for up to 280 yards and every subsequent 140 yards 20p.		Tariff 3 - 1 person £3.20 start for up to 280 yards and every subsequent 140 yards 20p.	
Start	2.60	Start	2.60	Start	3.20
372	2.80	280	2.80	280	3.40
558	3.00	420	3.00	420	3.60
744	3.20	560	3.20	560	3.80
930	3.40	700	3.40	700	4.00
1116	3.60	840	3.60	840	4.20
1302	3.80	980	3.80	980	4.40
1488	4.00	1120	4.00	1120	4.60
1674	4.20	1260	4.20	1260	4.80
1860	4.40	1400	4.40	1400	5.00
2046	4.60	1540	4.60	1540	5.20
2232	4.80	1680	4.80	1680	5.40
2418	5.00	1820	5.00	1820	5.60
2604	5.20	1960	5.20	1960	5.80
2790	5.40	2100	5.40	2100	6.00
2976	5.60	2240	5.60	2240	6.20
3162	5.80	2380	5.80	2380	6.40
3348	6.00	2520	6.00	2520	6.60
3534	6.20	2660	6.20	2660	6.80
3720	6.40	2800	6.40	2800	7.00
3906	6.60	2940	6.60	2940	7.20
4092	6.80	3080	6.80	3080	7.40
4278	7.00	3220	7.00	3220	7.60
4464	7.20	3360	7.20	3360	7.80
4650	7.40	3500	7.40	3500	8.00
4836	7.60	3640	7.60	3640	8.20
5022	7.80	3780	7.80	3780	8.40
5208	8.00	3920	8.00	3920	8.60
5394	8.20	4060	8.20	4060	8.80
5580	8.40	4200	8.40	4200	9.00
5766	8.60	4340	8.60	4340	9.20
5952	8.80	4480	8.80	4480	9.40
6138	9.00	4620	9.00	4620	9.60
6324	9.20	4760	9.20	4760	9.80
6510	9.40	4900	9.40	4900	10.00
6696	9.60	5040	9.60	5040	10.20
6882	9.80	5180	9.80	5180	10.40
7068	10.00	5320	10.00	5320	10.60
7254	10.20	5460	10.20	5460	10.80
7440	10.40	5600	10.40	5600	11.00
7626	10.60	5740	10.60	5740	11.20
7812	10.80	5880	10.80	5880	11.40
7998	11.00	6020	11.00	6020	11.60
8184	11.20	6160	11.20	6160	11.80
8370	11.40	6300	11.40	6300	12.00
8556	11.60	6440	11.60	6440	12.20
8742	11.80	6580	11.80	6580	12.40
		6720	12.00	6720	12.60

		6860	12.20	6860	12.80
		7000	12.40	7000	13.00
		7140	12.60	7140	13.20
		7280	12.80	7280	13.40
		7420	13.00	7420	13.60
		7560	13.20	7560	13.80
		7700	13.40	7700	14.00
		7840	13.60	7840	14.20
		7980	13.80	7980	14.40
		8120	14.00	8120	14.60
		8260	14.20	8260	14.80
		8400	14.40	8400	15.00
		8540	14.60	8540	15.20
		8680	14.80	8680	15.40
		8820	15.00	8820	15.60

Summary

	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
1 mile (1760 yards)	Currently £4.00 Proposed £4.20 Increase 20p (5%)	Currently £4.60 Proposed £4.80 Increase 20p (4.35%)	Currently £5.20 Proposed £5.40 Increase 20p (3.85%)
2 miles (3520 yards)	Currently £5.80 Proposed £6.00 Increase 20p (3.45%)	Currently £7.00 Proposed £7.40 Increase 40p 5.71(%)	Currently £7.60 Proposed £8.00 Increase 40p (5.26%)
3 miles (5280 yards)	Currently £7.60 Proposed £8.00 Increase 40p (5.26%)	Currently £9.40 Proposed £9.80 Increase 40p (4.25%)	Currently £10.00 Proposed £10.80 Increase 80p (8%)
4 miles (7040 yards)	Currently £9.40 Proposed £9.80 Increase 40p (4.25%)	Currently £11.60 Proposed £12.40 Increase 80p (6.90%)	Currently £12.20 Proposed £13.00 Increase 80p (6.56%)
5 miles (8800 yards)	Currently £11.20 Proposed £11.80 Increase 60p (5.36%)	Currently £14.00 Proposed £14.80 Increase 80p (5.71%)	Currently £14.60 Proposed £15.40 Increase 80p (5.48%)
Average increase	4.66%	5.38%	5.83%
Overall average 5.29%			

We also wish to amend the times when T2 and T3 operate. Also waiting times.

We believe these measures will help to assist the shortage of drivers in the evenings. Recently there have been complaints that there are insufficient drivers late at night and in the early hours of the morning.

Tariffs

Midweek T2 from 21.00

T3 every night from midnight

Waiting time increase

T1 - Waiting time to be reduced from 20p every 40 seconds to 20p every 35 seconds.

T2, T3 and T4 - Waiting time to be reduced from 20p every 40 seconds to 20p every 30 seconds.

The Private Hire and Taxi Monthly magazine reports that the average taxi fare for a two-mile T1 journey is now £6.00. If this increase is approved this will mean that Blackpool is on the national average. The same magazine shows that Blackpool's current £5.80 T1 two-mile journey puts them in a league table position range of 211 - 238 of 364 local authorities. The proposed increase would change that to 162 -198 of 364 local authorities, which is also average.

Please advise me if you can support this. I shall be grateful if this can be scheduled for an imminent PPC Meeting.

Regards

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