

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to the authority set forth under §8(b)(1)(A) of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §50-307(b)(1)(A)) (2001), hereby gives notice of its emergency rulemaking action on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at its regular full Commission meeting, to extend the one dollar (\$1.00) per taxicab trip emergency fuel surcharge for taxicab service in the District of Columbia, which was in effect for a sixty (60) day-period which began at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2007 and ended at midnight, Tuesday, January 29, 2008. This emergency fuel surcharge was approved by the Commission on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 and published on December 14, 2007 at 54 DCR 012112. On January 9, 2008, the Commission voted to amend Appendix 8-2 in Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations by adding a fuel surcharge of one dollar (\$1.00) per taxicab trip beginning at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, January 30, 2008, for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days, and ending at midnight, Wednesday, May 28, 2008, unless terminated by the Commission.

The emergency rulemaking action is an attempt by the Commission to offset the rising increases in fuel cost. Without the fuel surcharge, taxicab operators may not be able to continue to meet their public service obligations to provide vital transportation service to the public and preserve the status quo. The increased costs of fuel may cause many taxicab operators to leave the industry or discontinue taxicab service because they may not earn a fair return on their investment. Also, taxicab operators may not be able to meet basic health and welfare needs for themselves or their families. The potential termination of taxicab service may affect senior citizens and persons with disabilities who rely on taxicab service for medical care, extended health services, physical therapy, social, and other supportive services. The fuel surcharge will only affect taxicab fares for service provided in the District of Columbia and does not apply to interstate fares.

The emergency fuel surcharge in effect during this period adds one dollar (\$1.00) to the current zone rates listed below:

<u>Number of Zones Traveled</u>	<u>Current Fares</u>	<u>Fares Plus Surcharge</u>
1	\$6.50	\$7.50
2	\$8.80	\$9.80
3	\$11.00	\$12.00
4	\$12.60	\$13.60
5	\$14.00	\$15.00
6	\$15.50	\$16.50
7	\$17.80	\$18.80
8	\$18.90	\$19.90