

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)), hereby gives notice of its emergency rulemaking action on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at its Full Commission meeting, to add a fuel surcharge to the current rates for taxicab service in the District of Columbia. Through its emergency rulemaking action, 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 effective at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2007, for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days that will remain in effect until midnight Wednesday, September 19, 2007, unless terminated by the Commission.

The emergency rulemaking action is an attempt by the Commission to offset the rising increases in fuel costs. 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 Commission has determined that its emergency rulemaking action will be reviewed within one hundred twenty (120) days and it will conduct a study to determine if a zone fare rate increase is warranted. Therefore, the emergency fuel surcharge will become effective at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2007, and will remain in effect until midnight Wednesday, September 19, 2007, unless terminated by the Commission before the date of expiration. The fuel surcharge will only affect current zone fares. It 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