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Subject: Written submission to the Planning Committee, Hamilton City Hall.

Subject: Increase in Taxi Tariff/Fare according to existing prices of Taxi Cost.

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There are some constant components and others are based on fluctuating prices. These all components are mentioned in the Taxi Tariff/Fare and Taxi Cost Index (appendix # 1 & # 5) on pages # 300 & # 306 of the Bylaws 07-170, schedule 25, as below.

<https://staging.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/media/browser/2017-07-06/07-170-consolidated-oct11-22.pdf>

I want to highlight the increased prices in constant components. The rates and functions of these constant components are recognized by our Ontario Government (as Harmonized Sales Tax and Earnings-all drivers), on the above pages of by-laws.

A.

Harmonized Sales Tax.

In the Taxi Tariff of 2008, it is mentioned that the Federal Goods and Services Tax (which is 5% on sales) is "INCLUDED" in the taxi Tariff by-laws 07-170 Schedule 25, on page # 2 (as below).

<https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/2022-02/08-175.pdf>

After two years, Harmonized Sales Tax was started with an addition of 8% (including the previous) Federal Goods and Services Tax.

But, the Taxi Tariff/ Fare, remained the SAME since 2008 till now (\$1.80 per KM). It means that a taxi driver (merchant) is paying 13% Harmonized Sales Tax from his pocket/earning money. But, the above Harmonized Sales tax may be based on the sale price as it is a Universal Truth that "Customers pay the Harmonized Sales tax and every merchant deposits to our Government". This Harmonized Sales Tax may not be "included" in the expenses and earnings of a taxi driver. It may be added after the base fare/ tariff (base sales price) of a taxi driver. So, It is requested that 13% of the taxi base fare may be increased in the taxi tariff/fare.

B.

Earnings -All Drivers.

In the Taxi Cost Index (Component # 6 of appendix # 5 of the by-laws) as above, the Taxi Tariff/Fare should be at least to the minimum wage per hour in Ontario. Ten years ago the minimum wage was \$10/ per hour but now in 2022, this wage is \$15/ per hour.

The minimum wage is increased by 50% but the Taxi Fare/Tariff is the same from 2008 till now (14 years), which is still \$1.80 per KM.

It is again requested that please increase the Taxi Fare/Tariff to the same ratio of increased minimum wage per hour in Ontario.

Thank you for your sympathetic consideration.

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Note: I have not considered other increased prices (from 2008 to 2022) of the following factors of components of the taxi cost index.

(a) Taxi Auto Insurance.

(b) Taxi brokerage/despatch fee which was ten years before \$474 per month and Now in 2022 \$674/ per month.

(c) Repair and maintenance costs have doubled since the last Taxi Tarif/Fare raised.

(d). Renting prices of the taxi/cab from brokers also increased from \$325/ per week (in 2008) to \$425/ per week in 2022.