

Pilon, Janet

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Hi,
Here is a written submission.

Subject: Request for genuine correction of Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) in Taxi Tariff/Fare.

It is a universal fact that the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is charged after the expenses & earnings of a merchant. But in the following Taxi Tariff/fare, the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is "included" in the earnings of a taxi driver. Please see page 300 & page 306 of the following by-laws of our city.

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

Appendix 5 or "Taxi Cost Index" (on page 306 of the above by-laws), tells 100% of taxi driver expenses & earnings as detailed here.

Total expenses of a taxi driver: 71.80%
Earnings of a taxi driver: 29.20%

The basic price of the sale (before Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is (as the taxi tariff) \$1.80 per Km.

As per the taxi tariff, the Harmonized Sales Tax, which should be excluded from the basic sale price, is wrongly "included" in the basic price of the sale of a taxi driver.

Due to this "inclusion" in the taxi Tariff (on page # 300 as per the above by-laws), a taxi driver is actually getting 16.20% of the earnings instead of 29.20% as calculated and granted in Appendix # 5, Component # 6, on page # 306 of the above.

Please make the correction in the taxi tariff. The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) may please be "excluded" from the taxi tariff. The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is always excluded from the basic price of a merchant. Merchant deposits this Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) to our Government.

Thank you very much.

Ijaz Ahmad