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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 6 (FARES), Article A.1 (TAXICABS), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), of Title 9 (LICENSING & REGULATION) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Division 6, Article A.1, Chapter 12, all of Title 9 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by the amendment of Section 9-12-132 to read as follows:

Sec. 9-12-132 - Amount of fare to be charged.

(a) The rates to be charged to passengers in taxicabs shall be as follows. It shall be unlawful to make any greater or lesser charge:

- (1) For the initial meter charge, \$3.00.
- (2) For the second and for each additional passenger who is five years of age or older, \$1.25.
- (3) For the first one-sixth of a mile traveled and each one-sixth mile or fraction thereof thereafter traveled for one or more passengers, \$0.36.
- (4) For each one hour of waiting time for one or more passengers, \$25.00. The incremental cost of this charge shall be \$0.36 for each 52 seconds. Waiting time shall include time consumed while the taxicab is waiting and available to passengers beginning three minutes after the scheduled time of arrival at the place to which it has been called, time consumed while the taxicab is stopped or slowed for traffic to a speed of less than seven miles per hour and time consumed for delays or stopovers en route at the direction of a passenger. There shall be no charge for mileage when time is being charged for a taxicab that is stopped or slowed for traffic to a speed of less than seven miles per hour. Waiting time shall not include time lost on account of the inefficiency of a taxicab.
- (5) For each suitcase or similar piece of travel luggage exceeding a linear dimension (L + W + D) of 45 inches or other bags of any type with a grip handle in excess of two bags placed in the cab trunk or rear of the vehicle, \$0.50 if handled by the driver, plus an additional \$1, if carried by the driver to the door of a single-family residence, or the main entrance of any building other than a single-family residence. The maximum charge for all such items shall be \$5.00.
- (6) For each trunk, footlocker, duffel bag or other bulky or heavy item exceeding a linear dimension (L + W + D) of 62 inches, placed in the cab trunk or rear of

1 vehicle and handled by the driver, the charge is \$2. There will be no charge for  
2 wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or other items used to assist persons with  
3 disabilities.  
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5 (7) For three or more grocery and/or shopping bags, \$1 if handled by the driver in the  
6 immediate vicinity of the taxicab, plus an additional \$1, if carried by the driver to  
7 the door of a single-family residence, or the main entrance of any building other  
8 than a single-family residence. There shall be no charge made for fewer than three  
9 grocery and/or shopping bags. The maximum charge for all such items shall be  
10 \$2.(Reserved)  
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12 (8) For each animal, \$1. There shall be no charge for guide dogs or service animals  
13 assisting persons with disabilities. (Reserved)  
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15 (9) For each trip originating at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, the  
16 airport fee shall be added to the fare for the trip.  
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18 (10) Taximeter fares shall be increased by \$5 during any period in which a  
19 snow emergency declaration of Level 2 or Level 3 has been made by the city  
20 manager or his designee, or in the event that the director of transportation and  
21 environmental services determines that driving conditions in the city are, or are  
22 reasonably expected to become, unduly hazardous due to the accumulation of  
23 snow, sleet or ice on the streets, regardless of the declaration of a snow emergency  
24 or the level thereof. The transportation division of the department of transportation  
25 and environmental services will notify each taxicab company by telephone of the  
26 exact time any such taximeter fare increase is to go into effect and the exact time  
27 that such fare increase is terminated.  
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29 (11) Taximeter fares may be increased by a surcharge authorized by the city  
30 manager, in the event that the city manager determines that a sudden increase in  
31 the cost of gasoline requires a surcharge to maintain stability in the provision of  
32 taxicab services in the city and to prevent the gas cost increase from having a  
33 serious adverse financial impact on the drivers of taxicabs. The surcharge shall  
34 continue in effect for such period, not to exceed one year, as the city manager  
35 shall determine, but may be terminated sooner if the manager determines that the  
36 surcharge is no longer warranted. The determination of the city manager shall be  
37 based on information provided by taxicab companies, and from such other sources  
38 as the city manager deems appropriate. The transportation division of the  
39 department of transportation and environmental services will notify each taxicab  
40 company in writing of any such surcharge. Such notice shall indicate the amount  
41 of the surcharge, and the period during which such surcharge shall be permitted. A  
42 copy of such notice, shall be displayed within the vehicle in addition to the rate  
43 card required under section 9-12-134.  
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45 (b) This section shall not apply when any taxicab is operated pursuant to a contract  
46 provided for in section 9-12-133 of this chapter.

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(c) Nothing contained herein shall prevent a certificate holder from establishing a coupon or reward program for its customers where a discount coupon, customer loyalty certificate or some other marketing device is accepted as part of the allowed fare set forth herein.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective March 1, 2013 upon passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE  
Mayor

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