

**COMMENTS FROM 10/10/08 MEETING  
WITH TAXICAB COMPANY OWNERS**

MGSA staff in attendance

Jeff Rawles, Paul Berlant

Owners in attendance

Hanne Callaert - Green Cab

Odysseys Tangalakis - North Marin Taxi

John Posadas - A West Marin Taxi

Chris Womack - CWT Taxi

Vasilios Romaidis - Silver Cab

Golnaz Sarang - Ali Cab

\* Owner at meeting

- The economic situation now is such that businesses cannot afford greater fees.
- MCTRP should go after the larger businesses to pay more.
- MCTRP should enforce the regulations against those businesses that do not pay fees.
- Check San Francisco fee schedule.

\* Owner at meeting

- Charge a sliding scale vehicle fee, with larger fleets paying a greater amount per vehicle than smaller (\$X/vehicle for the first five vehicles, \$2X for six through ten, 3\$X for 11-20, etc).

\* Email 10/10/08 1:03 pm - Company Owner

*“Now is not the time to ramp up the oversight of the taxicabs and to be asking us to pay for increased regulations. We are currently in a worldwide financial crisis and there is not a single cab driver or cab company owner who can afford to be paying more in fees in order to be further regulated. I think the program needs to be scrapped entirely. San Francisco doesn't back ground check / drug test its drivers. If there was ever a time to put this regulation program on hold, its now! If you are convicted to move forward with the program then scale it back. The program could exist by having a part time person come by our facilities once a month to verify that we are doing the back ground checks, carrying out the drug testing policies and keeping our vehicles serviced and properly maintained.”*

\* Phone call 10/16/08 2:30 p.m. Company Employee

- MGSA needs to do more regulating of new companies to ensure that they are financially capable of operating properly. It is too easy for a new company to get started.
- Vehicle fee/ vehicle should be the same for all (no sliding scale)

\* Email 10/16/08 6:56 p.m. Company Employee

*The issue I would like to see the MGSA address is not limiting the number of taxicabs, but the easy entrance of new companies into the local industry.*

*With the concern of the public good in mind, let us ask the right questions. How does it serve that public good to have removed previous standards that had to be met in order to enter the taxicab industry? What was removed? Most important: The need to show that the community needs another cab company.*

*The number of cars is self-limiting; and perhaps the number of companies will be, too. But at what cost?*

*Imagine, for a moment, that half of the current roster of all drivers in Marin County choose to start their own 'company'....amounting to a cell phone and a coat of paint on a car. This is not unthinkable.*

*The accountability nightmare would make a farce of the whole notion of Marin County 'regulating' taxicabs.*

*With acknowledged high driver turnover, what would be the operating cost of the program? Ultimately, that cost is delivered to the public, in unaffordable rates and diminished quality of service.*

*To restate, there are sound reasons for the concept of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.*

## Taxi Commission Fee Schedule 2006-2007

The following applications and fees are submitted to the SF Taxi Commission, 25 Van Ness Ave., Suite 420, San Francisco, CA:

Type of Permit	Filing Fee
New Color Scheme	
1-5 Medallions	\$787.00 + \$3 BPA
6-15 Medallions	\$1573.00 + \$3 BPA
16-49 Medallions	\$3147.00 + \$3 BPA
50+ Medallions	\$3933.00 + \$3 BPA
Color Scheme Change	\$262.00 + \$3 BPA
*Metallic Medallion (Annual Renewal by Company Only)	*\$31.00

\*BPA surcharge of \$3.00 does not apply

The following applications and fees are submitted to the SFPD Taxi Detail, 850 Bryant St., Room 458, San Francisco, CA:

Type of Permit	Filing Fee
PC & N (Medallion Waiting List) incl. \$35 Ad Fee	\$350.00 + \$3 BPA
Public Passenger Vehicle Driver	\$68.00 + \$3 BPA
*Fingerprinting Fee (\$11 City, \$32 State) Only applicable for Public Passenger Vehicle Drivers	*\$43.00
Ramped Taxicab	\$105.00 + \$3 BPA
Taxicab	\$577.00 + \$3 BPA
Taxicab Radio Dispatch Service	\$2622.00 + \$3 BPA

\*BPA surcharge of \$3.00 does not apply

The following renewal fees are submitted to the Tax Collector, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlet Place, Room 110, San Francisco, CA:

Type of Permit	License Renewal Fee
Color Scheme	
1-5 Medallions	\$524.00 + \$3 BPA
6-15 Medallions	\$1049.00 + \$3 BPA
16-49 Medallions	\$2098.00 + \$3 BPA
50+ Medallions	\$2622.00 + \$3 BPA
Public Passenger Vehicle Driver	\$47.00 + \$3 BPA
Ramped Taxicab	\$105.00 + \$3 BPA
Taxicab	\$498.00 + \$3 BPA
Taxicab Radio Dispatch Service	\$2622.00 + \$3 BPA