



City of Dallas

Transportation Regulation Update

**Transportation &
Infrastructure Committee
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Presentation Overview



- Background
 - Transportation Regulation
 - Current Enforced Ordinances
 - Operations
- Transportation For Hire Rate Adjustment
- Proposed Ordinance Amendments
- Next Steps



Background: History



- **December 10, 2014:** Current taxi rates were established by City Council approval
- **April 30, 2015:** Chapter 47A Transportation for Hire ordinance updated by Dallas City Council
- **October 1, 2016:** Transportation Regulation transitioned from Code Compliance Department to the Department of Aviation to further regulate airport ground transportation services



Transportation Regulation Overview



- **Transportation Regulation operates as a division within the Department of Aviation and oversees regulation and enforcement of:**
 - Transportation-For-Hire
 - Emergency Services
 - Vehicle Towing
 - Vehicle Immobilization
 - City-wide Transportation Services including Dallas Love Field ground transportation



Current Enforced Ordinances



- **Chapter 5 – Aircraft and Airports**
 - Article II Transportation Services
 - Currently regulating 18 courtesy companies and approximately 175 courtesy vehicles at Dallas Love Field Airport
- **Chapter 15D Emergency Vehicles**
 - Article I – Ambulances
 - Seven permitted private ambulance companies and 150 vehicles
 - Article II – Emergency Wreckers
 - Police-initiated tows
 - 30 permitted companies and 250 vehicles



Current Enforced Ordinances



- **Chapter 47A – Transportation-for-Hire**
 - Business of offering or providing transportation of persons for compensation as taxi, limousine, shuttle, and non-motor vehicles (horse-drawn carriages and pedicabs)
- **Chapter 48A – Vehicle Tow Service**
 - Private property Towing with 30 permitted companies and 100 vehicles
- **Chapter 48C – Vehicle Immobilization Service**



Operations



- Transportation Regulation Division issues approximately 3000 driver, company, and vehicle permits annually
- The Division maintains a target of 100% customer complaints resolved within 15 business days
 - Annual Average of approximately 100 complaints received per calendar year
 - One complaint regarding horse-drawn carriage in 2022

Transportation For Hire Rate Adjustment



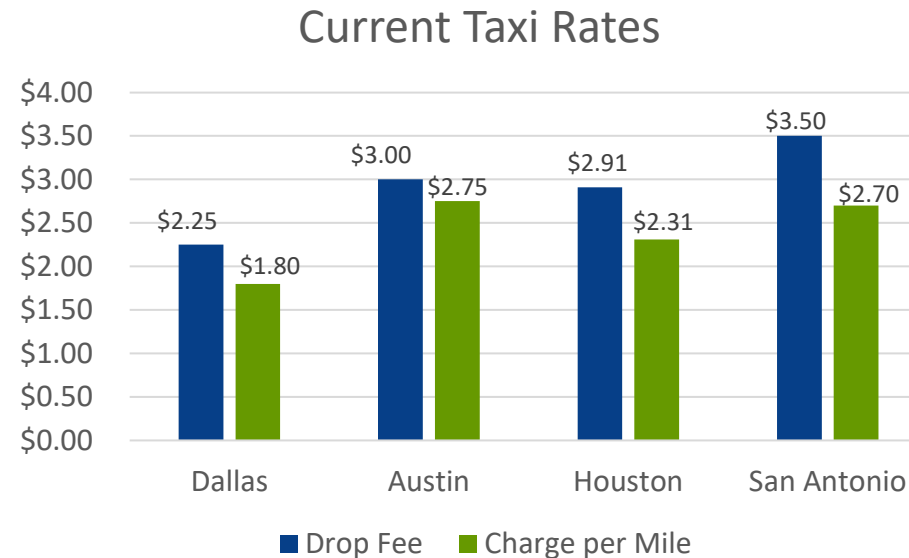
1. Request committee endorsement of proposed amendments to the Dallas City Code
2. Seek approval from the Dallas City Council to amend Chapter 47A Transportation-for-Hire of the Dallas City Code



Transportation For Hire Rate Adjustment: Taxis Rates



- Rate disparity between licensed taxis in Dallas and other comparable cities in Texas



Transportation For Hire Rate Adjustment: Taxis Rates



- Taxi stakeholders comprised of drivers and company owners in taxi industry
- Meetings with stakeholders held to discuss inequality in taxi industry
- Request made to update rates and fares in comparison to comparably sized cities/municipalities and to remain in line with current cost of living



Transportation For Hire Rate Adjustment: COLA and CPI



- Cost of living inflated by 25% since previous taxi rate increase in 2014
- Consumer price index rose from 218 in 2014 to 278 in 2022

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

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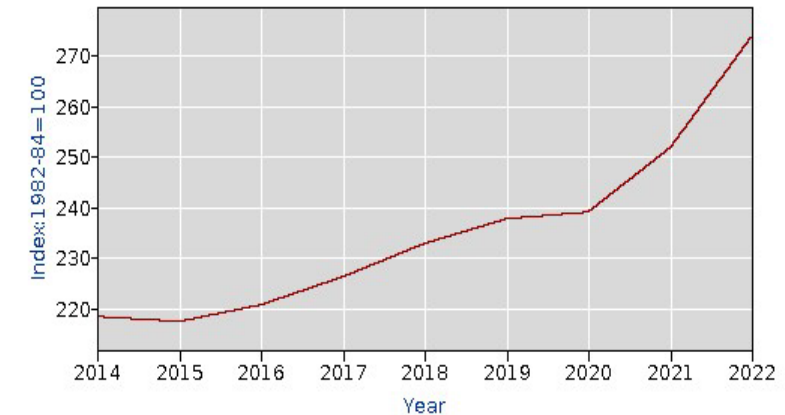
Not Seasonally Adjusted

Series Title: All items in Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted

Area: Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX

Item: All items

Base Period: 1982-84=100



U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Proposed Ordinance Amendments: Rates



- Adjust taxi fare rate to better align with current standard cost of living

Taxi Rate Revision	Current	Proposed
Initial Drop Fee	\$2.25	\$3.00
Charge Per Mile	\$1.80	\$2.80
Traffic Delay	\$18 per hour	\$24 per hour
Flat Rate: DAL to Central Business District	\$ 21.00	\$ 26.00
Flat Rate: DFW to Central Business District	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00
Flat Rate: DAL to Dallas Market Center	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00
Flat Rate: DFW to Dallas Market Center	\$ 37.00	\$ 47.00



Proposed Ordinance Amendments: Standards



- Revise vehicle quality standards to adequately reflect equal treatment and competition among all transportation-for-hire types
- Adjust to include measurable quality standards in addition to requirements in accordance with Texas Department of Public Safety Vehicle Inspection Program



Staff Recommendation



- Staff proposes the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee support the Amendment to Chapter 47A Transportation for Hire of the Dallas City Code



Next Steps



- Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Feedback on proposed Amendments to Chapter 47A
- City Council approval of proposed Amendments to Chapter 47A of the Dallas City Code at the June 14, 2023 City Council meeting.



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