

Review of Taxi Fares Tariffs 2022

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We are contacting you as the holder of a hackney carriage vehicle licence about the fare tariff that taxis can charge passengers. We have been asked to review the fares in view of increasing fuel costs and as we move in to 2022, we are considering changes because operating costs have increased. The coronavirus pandemic has brought uncertainties for the taxi industry and for taxi users too.

We are interested in your views on the taxi fare tariffs to ensure that drivers and operators can cover their costs and to ensure taxi fares remain value for money for users by getting fair and affordable fares. The process to increase the fare tariff can be lengthy and so we are interested in your views on three possible options that includes having no increase this year, as this was expressed by some licence holders.

Three options are provided as the basis to review the fares and responses are needed by the end of this month. If you consider other changes are required, then you can let us know. We would like you to have your say by letting us know about the following options.

Options:

Option 1 - No Change to the current taxi fare tariff at all. The minimum fare for the first half mile to remain at £3.50 with Tariffs 1, 2, 3 frozen for the year of 2022.

Option 2 - Increasing Tariff 1 with the minimum fare for the first half mile increasing by 5.7% to £3.70.

Option 3 - Increasing Tariffs 1 and 2. Increasing the minimum fare for the first half mile across Tariffs 1 and 2 by 5.7%. Tariff 3 with no changes at all

Here is a reminder on the 3 Tariffs

Tariff 1 = Daytime Rate (7am to 7pm)

Tariff 2 = Evening and Night Rate (from 7pm)

Tariff 3 = Bank Holidays, Christmas/New Year Rate

What's next?

Once the consultation ends, we will spend time considering all the responses received. This will inform recommendations for any changes to the taxi tariffs that will be considered in February by the Licensing Committee. It's important that if you do, or if you don't want a change, that you have your say.

Responses should be in writing and should be received before Tuesday, 1st February 2022 by emailing licensing@eastdevon.gov.uk or in writing to the Council offices.

Yours sincerely,

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