

Taxi Fleet Association Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

11:00 am South Natomas Community Center

Minutes

Agenda Items:

- **Taxi Knowledge Test**

Concerns:

Other cities do not require test every year (not applicable)

Want study guide other than City Code (Study from City Code)

Wants only new drivers to take test & not for renewals

- **Taxi Test Results from 8/4/15 thru 5/31/15**

Total tests = 1643

Total Pass = 84%

Total Fail = 16%

Still needs improvement

- **Industry Standards**

Vehicle Standards

Concerns:

Cannot compete with Uber

Uber does not require all requirements as taxi drivers

City should regulate Uber

- **Price increase effective July 1, 2015**

New Driver = from \$148 to \$190

Renewal = from \$153 to \$195

No show fee of \$50

- **Driver responsibility to take and pass the test BEFORE permit expires**

Concerns:

Not enough time to take test and pass before permit expires:

Recommendations:

1. Submit renewal paperwork earlier than end of month renewal deadline
2. City has and will continue to add test dates when needed to accommodate new drivers

Open Items:

- Fingerprinting Fee – no charge for renewal re-test
- More options for fingerprinting when Matt is not in the office
- Applicants can go to Police Dept for fingerprinting w/ City's Live Scan form
- Discount incentive for drivers who are veterans
- Another alternative for inspection other than Paratransit
- Allow insurance lapse for vacation

- Vehicle Permits are not good for full two years when there is a fleet change.

5.136.330 Term of taxicab vehicle permit.

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- Driver Permits are not good for one full year when there is a delay due to DOJ or testing.

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- Suggested changes:
 1. Brake and Lamp required only for vehicles with 10,000 miles or more.
 2. No brake and lamp or paratransit inspection for NEW vehicles.
NEW = current year vehicles w/ 10,000 miles or less