

FILE NO. 981443

ORDINANCE NO. 88-99

1 [Taxicab Permit Fees]

2 AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER VIII, PART II OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL
3 CODE (POLICE CODE) BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2.26.1 AND 2.27.1, TO ADJUST
4 PERMIT AND LICENSE FEE SCHEDULES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE AND TO
5 GIVE A 50-PERCENT DISCOUNT FOR FOUR YEARS ON PERMIT FEES FOR TAXICABS
6 AND RAMPED TAXICABS OPERATING ON COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, AND
7 AMENDING ARTICLE 16, DIVISIONS I AND II, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1080, 1088 AND
8 1125, TO INCLUDE FEES AUTHORIZED BY THOSE SECTIONS IN PERMIT AND LICENSE
9 FEE SCHEDULES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

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11 Note: Additions or substitutions are underlined;
12 deletions are in ((double parentheses)).

13 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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15 Section 1. Article 1 of the San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by
16 amending Sections 2.26.1 and 2.27.1, to read as follows:

17 **SEC. 2.26.1. SCHEDULE OF PERMITS AND FILING FEES.**

18 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1085 of this Code, the following filing fees,
19 payable in advance to the Police Department, are required when submitting applications for
20 Motor Vehicle for Hire permits to the Police Department:

21 TYPE OF PERMIT	FILING FEE
22 <u>Color Scheme, New</u>	
23 <u>1-5 medallions</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
24 <u>6-15 medallions</u>	<u>1,000</u>
25 <u>16-49 medallions</u>	<u>2,000</u>

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1	<u>50 or more medallions</u>	<u>2,500</u>
2	Color Scheme Change	<u>125</u> ((68))
3	Interurban Bus	268
4	Jitney Bus Driver	53
5	Jitney Bus Owner	268
6	Limousine	268
7	<u>Lost Medallion</u>	<u>150</u>
8	<u>Metallic Medallion</u>	<u>25</u>
9	Motorized Rickshaw	268
10	<u>Public Convenience & Necessity Application</u>	<u>200</u>
11	Public Passenger Vehicle Driver	<u>65</u> ((53))
12	Ramped Taxicab	<u>325</u> ((277))
13	Sightseeing Bus	268
14	Taxicab	<u>450</u> ((268))
15	Taxicab Radio Dispatch Service	<u>2,500</u> ((347))

16 provided, however, that a 50 percent credit shall be allowed against the filing fee for each
17 taxicab or ramped taxicab operating on compressed natural gas. The discount for CNG
18 vehicles shall expire on January 1, 2003.

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20 **SEC. 2.27.1. SCHEDULE OF LICENSE FEES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE FOR**
21 **HIRE PERMITS ISSUED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

22 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1085 of this Code, the following license fees
23 are payable to the Tax Collector for permits issued by the Police Department and, when
24 applicable, for their renewal:

25 Note: All license fees are at an annual rate unless otherwise indicated.

1	TYPE OF PERMIT	LICENSE FEE
2	<u>Color Scheme, Renewal</u>	
3	<u>1-5 medallions</u>	\$ 500
4	<u>6-15 medallions</u>	1,000
5	<u>16-49 medallions</u>	2,000
6	<u>50 or more medallions</u>	2,500
7	Interurban Bus	277
8	Jitney Bus Driver	58
9	Jitney Bus Owner	277
10	Limousine	277
11	Motorized Rickshaw	277
12	Public Passenger Vehicle Driver	40 ((29))
13	Ramped Taxicab	175 ((138))
14	Sightseeing Bus	277
15	Taxicab Radio Dispatch Service	2,500 ((346))
16	Taxicab	550 ((346))

17 provided, however, that a credit of \$ 220 ((208)) shall be allowed against the fee for each
18 taxicab licensed by an operator who has agreed to participate throughout the permit year in
19 the Paratransit Program referred to in Section 1135 of this Code; further provided, however,
20 that a 50 percent credit shall be allowed against the licensing fee for each taxicab or ramped
21 taxicab operating on compressed natural gas. The discount for CNG vehicles shall expire on
22 January 1, 2003.

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24 Section 2. Article 16 of the San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by
25 amending Sections 1080, 1088, and 1125, to read as follows:

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1 **SEC. 1080. PERMIT APPLICATIONS.**

2 (a) **Forms and Applications; Notice of Hearing.** Application for a permit required by
3 this Article shall be made to the Police Commission on a form to be furnished by the Police
4 Commission. The form shall specify, and the application shall state, such information as the
5 Police Commission reasonably shall require. Within 14 days of the filing of such an
6 application with the Police Commission, it shall cause a notice to be published in a
7 newspaper approved for the giving of official notices of the City and County of San Francisco,
8 which notice shall state that an application has been filed for a permit pursuant to this Article
9 (specifying the type, kind or class), the name of the applicant, the kind of equipment to be
10 used, and such other information as may be necessary to identify the applicant and to specify
11 the type, kind or class of permit or service. If the hearing on an individual application is held
12 more than 45 days after the last such notice was published, that notice shall be republished,
13 commencing at least 14 days prior to the hearing. The notices required by this Section shall
14 be published for three successive days and shall state the date, time, and place set for the
15 hearing thereon.

16 (b) **Fee for Application.** Applicants for permits authorized by this Article shall pay to
17 the City and County of San Francisco a sum set by ordinance to cover the costs of
18 advertising, investigating, and processing the application for each permit ((, such sum to be
19 determined periodically as deemed appropriate by the Police Commission)). No application
20 for a permit under this Article shall be deemed to be complete until and unless such sum is
21 fully paid.

22 (c) **Applications Deemed Active.** Every application for a motor vehicle for hire permit
23 shall be deemed to remain active and shall be considered until the earliest of the following
24 events:

- 25 (1) The applicant withdraws the application in writing;

1 (2) The applicant is deemed to be ineligible by a vote of the Police
2 Commission; or

3 (3) The applicant receives a permit;

4 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (c), the Chief of Police may adopt
5 regulations requiring applicants periodically to reaffirm that their applications are active.
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7 **SEC. 1088. MEDALLIONS.**

8 (a) **Issuance and Display.** The Police Department shall issue a metallic medallion of
9 a design approved by the Police Commission for each motor vehicle for hire license issued
10 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1079 through 1081 hereof. During all hours of
11 operation of a motor vehicle for hire, the medallion shall be placed in the lower right corner of
12 the windshield in such a manner that the serial number shall be clearly visible from the
13 exterior of the vehicle; provided, however, that the Chief of Police shall designate the manner
14 of displaying the medallion on motorized rickshaws and limousines.

15 (b) **Medallion Fees.** Every motor vehicle for hire permit holder shall pay to the Police
16 Department for each metallic motor vehicle for hire medallion a sum set by ordinance to cover
17 the costs of producing and processing each such metallic motor vehicle for hire medallion as
18 may be issued to him or her pursuant to the provisions of this Section. Said fees shall be
19 paid once each calendar year ((in an amount to be determined annually by the Police
20 Commission)).
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22 **SEC. 1125. TAXICAB COLOR SCHEMES; ADOPTION; PERMITS; CHANGES.**

23 (a) **Color Scheme Required.** Upon the issuance of a taxicab permit, every taxicab
24 permittee shall adopt a distinguishing taxicab color scheme that has been approved by the
25 Chief of Police pursuant to Subsection (b) of this Section. The taxicab permittee's choice of

1 color scheme shall be subject to the approval of the Chief of Police, which approval shall be
2 given except when it clearly would not be in the public interest to do so.

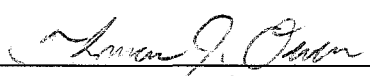
3 (b) **Color Scheme Permits.** Any holder of a taxicab permit or a taxicab dispatch
4 service permit under this Article may apply to the Chief of Police for taxicab color scheme
5 permit pursuant to Section 1080 of this Article. That permit shall entitle the holder to the
6 exclusive rights to the use of that taxicab color scheme for taxicabs licensed pursuant to this
7 Article; provided, however, that the permittee under this Subsection may authorize taxicab
8 permit holders to adopt the licensed taxicab color scheme, as set forth in Subsection (a).
9 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1083 of this Article (nontransferability of permits),
10 the permits issued pursuant to this Section are transferable, subject to the approval of the
11 Chief of Police, who shall determine that the proposed transferee meets the criteria set forth
12 in Section 1081 of this Article. The permittee shall give notice to the Chief of Police of any
13 intended transfer at least 14 days prior to any such transfer. Applicants for permits
14 authorized by this Section, as well as for color scheme changes and renewal of permits, shall
15 pay to the City and County of San Francisco a sum set by ordinance to cover the costs of
16 advertising, investigating, and processing the application for each permit

17 (c) **Existing Color Scheme.** All persons and entities who, prior to the effective date
18 of this Article, have obtained permission from the Chief of Police to use a taxicab color
19 scheme are hereby deemed to be permittees under this Section; provided, however, that
20 such persons or entities shall hereafter pay to the Chief of Police the taxicab color scheme
21 permit fee as established by the Chief of Police.

22 (d) **Change of Color Scheme.** It shall be unlawful for any taxicab permittee or
23 operator to make or cause to be made any change whatsoever in the distinguishing color
24 scheme of any taxicab without the prior written approval of the Chief of Police. No change in
25 distinguishing taxicab color scheme shall be allowed if such change will result in the

1 discontinuance, interruption or reduction of radio-dispatched taxicab service, and the Chief of
2 Police shall consider the impact of a proposed change of distinguishing taxicab color scheme
3 upon the quantity and quality of radio-dispatched taxicab service available to the public before
4 allowing any such change.

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8 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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Date Passed:

Ordinance amending Police Code Sections 2.26.1 and 2.27.1 to adjust permit and license fee schedules for motor vehicles for hire and to give a 50-percent discount for four years on permit fees for taxicabs and ramped taxicabs operating on compressed natural gas and amending Sections 1080, 1088 and 1125 to include fees authorized by those sections in permit and license fee schedules for motor vehicles for hire.

April 12, 1999 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Brown

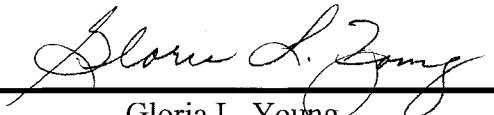
April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Bierman, Newsom, Teng

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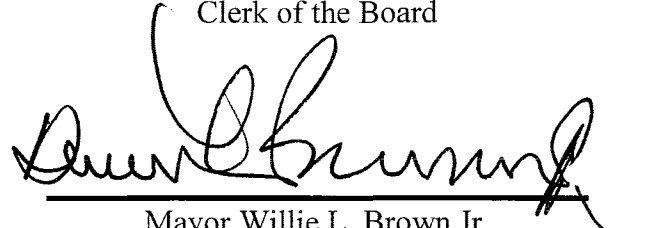
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance
was **FINALLY PASSED** on April 19, 1999 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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