

1 [Providing for a taxi gate cap of \$91.50 and a \$0.25 fuel surcharge on the flag drop; the Board
2 of Supervisors to consider other changes if the Taxi Commission has submitted a health care
3 program for drivers by April 1, 2007.]

4 **Resolution modifying the Controller's determinations of inflationary increases in taxi**
5 **fares and gate cap pursuant to Police Code Section 1137 to provide for a gate cap of**
6 **\$91.50 and a \$0.25 fuel surcharge on the flag drop and to provide that the Board of**
7 **Supervisors shall consider other changes to the gate cap and to fares if the Taxi**
8 **Commission has submitted a formal proposal for a health care program for taxi drivers**
9 **by April 1, 2007.**

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11 WHEREAS, The Controller recently completed his biennial review of taxi fares and the
12 gate cap pursuant to Police Code Section 1137; and

13 WHEREAS, In his August 4, 2006, Taxicab Industry Report, entitled "An Update on
14 Rates of Fare, Gate Fees and the Industry," the Controller presented his determinations as to
15 increases or decreases in taxi fares and an increase or decrease in the gate cap based upon
16 changes in the Consumer Price Index since January 1, 2003, as well as industry financial
17 information, as required by Section 1137; and

18 WHEREAS, The Controller's determinations as to increases or decreases in taxi fares
19 and the gate cap will, under Section 1137, take effect by operation of law on November 1,
20 2006, and remain in effect until October 31, 2008, unless the Board of Supervisors (1) by
21 resolution calls for a hearing on the Controller's determinations by September 1, 2006, (2)
22 holds a hearing on the Controller's determinations by October 1, 2006, and (3) adopts a
23 resolution disapproving or modifying the Controller's determinations by October 31, 2006;
24 and,
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1 WHEREAS, the Board by Resolution No. 503-06, approved on August 17, 2006, called
2 for a hearing on the Controller's determinations; and,

3 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, and on Wednesday, October 11,
4 2006, the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors held a hearing on the
5 Controller's determinations pursuant to Resolution No. 503-06; and,

6 WHEREAS, At that hearing, the Committee considered, among other things, changes
7 in the Consumer Price Index, costs incurred and expected to be incurred by drivers and color
8 scheme permit holders (including a possible share of the costs of a health care program for
9 taxi drivers), projected income of drivers and projected revenues of color scheme permit
10 holders, and local economic conditions; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby modifies the Controller's August 4,
12 2006 determinations as to increases or decreases in taxi fares and the gate cap pursuant to
13 Police Code Section 1137 as follows:

14 The gate cap under Police Code Section 1135.1 shall be maintained at \$91.50, and the
15 fare schedule under Police Code Section 1135 shall include a fuel surcharge of \$0.25 for the
16 first fifth of a mile (or "flag drop"), for a total flag drop of \$3.10, with no other changes to the
17 fare schedule.

18 If, by April 1, 2007, the Taxi Commission has submitted to the Board of Supervisors a
19 formal proposal for a program that would make a substantial and reasonable degree of health
20 insurance or health benefits available for all taxi drivers, the Clerk of the Board shall cause a
21 hearing to be calendared before the appropriate committee of the Board to consider further
22 changes to gate cap or to the fare schedule.