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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2025

TO: Monica Cepero, County Administrator

THROUGH: Leonard Vialpando, PE, Director
Resilient Environment Department 

FROM: Philip McChesney, Director
Consumer Protection Division 

RE: Broward County Vehicle-For-Hire Vehicle Standards and Taximeter Rates

Pursuant to Board discussion of Agenda Item #48 on April 22, 2025, staff met with representatives from the Hospitality Industry and the Taxi Industry regarding taxi vehicle age, standards and taximeter rate updates. In addition, Hospitality Industry representatives provided other recommendations which are included in Attachment 1 and summarized below. Hospitality Industry representatives included hotel and restaurant owners, Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, and TravelHost FTL, among others. Taxi industry representatives included large fleet operators (Yellow Cab, United Cab, Intercity Taxi) and independent taxi owners and taxi drivers (the Broward Taxi Association). Staff also met with Port Everglades and Ft. Lauderdale Airport staff.

There was not a consensus among these groups on creating vehicle age limitations, changes to vehicle standards or the need for increases in taxicab rates.

Hospitality Industry recommendations (as detailed in Attachment 1) include:

Vehicle Age - vehicles to be no older than 5 years old

Vehicle Standards - require a uniform color scheme and logo; no visible damage or unclean interiors; a digital display of driver ID and taxi license

Taxicab Rates - did not express a position on a taxicab rate increase, though they were open to higher, flat fares between Ft. Lauderdale Airport and Port Everglades

In addition to the above, the hospitality industry had many other recommendations including taxi driver recruitment, training and performance monitoring, taxi technologies such as a rider app, taxi dispatch and fare transparency as well as taxi quality assurance via inspections and licensing.

Taxicab Industry Large Fleet Operator recommendations include:

Vehicle Age - vehicles to be no older than 15 years old with a gradual phase-in to a 10-year age limit, as well as newly permitted vehicles being under 10 years old

Vehicle Standards – posted rates on vehicles, working/operating air conditioning, cleanliness

Taxicab Rates – opposed to any rate increases. Expressed concern that a rate increase might price taxicabs out of the market.

Taxicab Industry Independent Taxicab Owner and Taxicab Drivers (Broward Taxi Association)

recommendations (as detailed in Attachment 2) include:

Vehicle Age – no position taken

Vehicle Standards – no position taken

Taxicab Rates – their focus is on the need for a rate increase (as detailed in Attachment 5)

The Consumer Protection Division (CPD) has also completed its bi-annual review of taximeter rates pursuant to Section 22½-11(c)(1) of the Broward County Code (as detailed in Attachment 5). Based on its review, the Division **does not recommend an increase at this time**. The rationale for this recommendation includes: (1) The Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution providing for a 20% increase in December 2023; and (2) our current ranking of seventh out of the 19 compared jurisdictions puts us in the top third pricewise, above locations such as San Francisco and Boston; and (3) observed parity between current taxi rates and rideshare rates, with taxis at times the more expensive option and rideshare the more expensive option at other times; and (4) the large taxi operators expressed concerns that an increase in taxicab rates might price taxicabs out of the market.

Please see the following documents for more information:

Attachment 1 - Tourism Industry Vehicle Standards Recommendations

Attachment 2 - Broward Taxi Association Proposal for Adjustments of Taxi Fares

Attachment 3 - Vehicle-for-Hire Ages in Broward County

Attachment 4 - Multijurisdictional Ordinance Vehicle Standards Comparison

Attachment 5 - Taximeter Rate Review

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Attachment 1 - Tourism Industry Vehicle Standards Recommendations

Submitted by representatives (via email) of the Tourism Industry in Broward County (Travel Host FTL, The Restaurant People, Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Hotel, Orchestra Hotels + Resorts, Economos Properties, Water Taxi, Park & K Public Affairs, Visit Lauderdale) “to provide a strategic plan for first in class taxi experience in Broward County, addressing both **service excellence** and **vehicle quality**.”

Creation of Vision & Standards

Broward County Taxi Service Goal:

We need to establish the Broward County’s taxi service as the safest, most reliable, highest quality and customer-friendly transport choice. Benchmark to communities that have the highest taxi service rating in the USA and acquire their best practices and / or programs. (Miami, Las Vegas, New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, Washington)

Broward County Taxi Core Standards:

- Clean, well-maintained vehicles
- Punctual and polite drivers
- Transparent and fair pricing
- Safety and accessibility for all passengers

Develop Vehicle Quality Improvement Plan, so current operators in Broward County have a chance to achieve standards

A. Broward County Fleet Modernization:

- Require vehicles to be no older than 5 years.
- Introduce electric or hybrid taxis (offer incentives for eco-friendly upgrades).
- Ensure all cabs have:
 - Air conditioning/heating
 - GPS tracking
 - Regular mechanical inspections (every 6 months)
 - Use all methods of payment
 - Have an APP

B. Broward County Taxi Visual Standards:

- Uniform branding for all taxis (color scheme, logo), so easy to identify
 - No visible damage or unclean interiors
 - Digital display of driver ID and taxi license
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Other Suggestions / Recommendations:

Implement a Broward County Taxi Driver Excellence Program (Might be great to include the share ride services for this):

A. Taxi Driver Recruitment:

- Thorough background checks (criminal, **driving** record)
- Minimum driving experience
- Language proficiency (if multilingual populations exist); must speak English

B. Taxi Driver Training:

- Mandatory customer service and defensive driving training; certification
- Annual refresher courses
- Accessibility training (for assisting elderly or disabled passengers)

C. Taxi Driver Performance Monitoring:

- Driver rating system (customer feedback + internal audits)
- Incentives for top-rated drivers (bonuses, recognition)
- Penalties for poor conduct or repeated complaints
- Online reviews scorecard

Broward County Taxi Technology Integration to better compete with Shared Ride:

A. Taxi Rider App:

- Book, track, and rate rides
- Fare estimation & digital payments
- SOS/panic button and live support

B. Taxi Dispatch System:

- AI-powered matching to reduce wait times
- Central fleet tracking and analytics dashboard

Enforce Broward County Taxi Fare Pricing & Transparency

- Fare regulation via county authority or independent board
- Up-front fare estimates in-app and in-vehicle
- Printed or digital receipts after each trip

Require Broward County Taxi Quality Assurance & Regulation:

A. Broward County Taxi Inspections:

- Quarterly vehicle and driver audits
- Random mystery rider inspections

B. Broward County Taxi Licensing:

- Annual license renewal based on performance metrics
- Mandatory compliance with safety, cleanliness, and punctuality standards

Lay out a Broward County Taxi Community Focus Plan:

- Tourism: Ensure that the highest quality vehicles are at the airport, port and train stations
- Labor Force: Develop a frequency discount for employees that require taxi transportation to and from work
- Accessibility: Require wheelchair-accessible vehicles in fleet
- Senior & Disabled Discounts: Help this on fixed or limited incomes
- Feedback Hotlines: 24/7 support and multilingual options
- Public Transport Integration: Last-mile connections with bus/train stations

Launch a Taxi Cab Marketing & Public Trust Campaign

- Launch awareness campaigns around the new quality benchmarks
- Promote eco-friendly and accessible taxis
- Partner with local businesses for corporate ride programs

Help Develop a Broward County Dealer Taxi Cab Partnerships & Investment

- Collaborate with auto dealers for fleet discounts
- Offer low-interest loans or grants to drivers upgrading vehicles
- County grants or Public-Private Partnerships for infrastructure (charging stations, dispatch centers)

Broward County Taxi Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Continuous Improvement

- Monthly KPI review: on-time % rate, average rating, complaints per ride
- Public dashboard for transparency
- Annual rider satisfaction surveys
- Encourage driver councils for feedback and policy shaping

Project: Proposal for Adjustments of Taxi fares Structure
at Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood, Florida.

Presented to:

Broward County, Elected Officials, BCAD, Transportation
Department and Consumer's Affairs.

By:

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Fort Lauderdale, April 7, 2025

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Dear Commissioners and elected officials, Transportation Department and Consumer Affairs,

I am writing you to formally request a review and a scheduled hearing regarding the current taxi cab rates at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), Port Everglades, and the surrounding areas. As an essential part of the transportation industry serving both residents and visitors, it is critical to ensure that taxi fares are fair, viable, and mutually acceptable for both drivers and passengers.

As a reminder, the cab services were originally created to serve urban populations, particularly catering to middle and working class individuals who can financially afford the services.

After a thorough review, we have found that the current rates do not adequately cover the operating costs, particularly for short-distance (<5 miles radius) trips. Factors such as airport fees, credit card processing fees, technology fees, repair and vehicle maintenance, commercial insurance and long wait times, 2 to 5 hours, significantly impact the ability of drivers to earn a sustainable income. Comparisons with Miami and West Palm Beach taxi fares structure also highlight disparities that place Broward taxi drivers at a financial disadvantage.

We respectfully request a formal review and hearing to discuss these concerns and explore necessary adjustments to the rate structure. Our goal is to make sure that the fares reflect true costs of operating a taxi service while maintaining accessibility for passengers.

Please, inform on the next steps regarding this request and the scheduling of a hearing. I value your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response at:

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Best regards,



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Proposal for adjusted Taxi Fares Structure in Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood

1 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposal seeks approval for adjustments to the current taxi fares structure at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood and Port Everglades. The current fares do not adequately cover operating costs, leading to financial burden on the drivers. This revision aligns with industry standards, cost-of-service principles, and market competitiveness while ensuring fair compensation for taxi operators.

2 - Justification for fare adjustments.

A- Fixed Costs (Yearly) Vehicle lease or car loan, commercial insurance, licensing and regulatory fees amount to approximately\$ 18 361.00 per year or \$14.69 per ride

B - Variable Cost per ride: fuel, repair and maintenance, credit card, technology, tablet fees contribute to an estimated \$2.05 per ride.

C - Driver compensation: to maintain a fair wage standard, drivers should earn at least \$15.00 per hour as per Florida Statue 448.110 Minimum wage.

D - Regulatory and airport fees: the mandatory airport fee of \$3.00 per ride further impact net earnings.

3 - Considerations and Facts of the Taxi industry.

Base fare Calculation (GAAP driven approach).

The minimum fare must cover: a) Fixed costs, b) variable costs, and a reasonable profit margin, and, we will assume:

- . Average ride distance is: 5 miles
- . Average ride time is: 15 minutes.
- . Average yearly ride per driver is: 1 250.
- . Profit Margin is: 15%.
- . Average yearly mileage driven per driver is: 55 000 miles.
- . Airport fee is: \$3.00 per ride.
- . Short rides represent 50-60% of the taxi business.
- . Average waiting time before a fare is between 2 to 5 hours at the Port or Airport.

4 - Cost breakdown per ride:

Description	Amount
Fixed cost (See Exhibit A)	14.69
Variable costs (See Exhibit B)	2.05
Driver's time (\$15.00 X ¼)	3.75
Airport Fees	3.00
Sub-Total (a)	23.49
Plus: 15 % profit margin (23.49 X .15)	3.52
Sub-Total (b)	27.01
Plus: Credit card fee (27.01 X 2.5%)	0.68
MINIMUM charge per ride is:	27.69

5 Market-Based Comparisons.

. Miami charges \$0.55 per additional 1/6 mile compared to Fort Lauderdale at \$0.48 per 1/6 per mile.

. Miami enforces higher rates (+30%) for SUVs and larger vehicles, whereas Fort Lauderdale does not.

. In West Palm Beach, more than passengers, there is additional charge of \$3.00 per passenger and an origination fee of \$3.50 for Origination fee, whereas Fort Lauderdale does not.

. Ride-Sharing companies like Uber and Lift utilizes surge and dynamic pricing, increasing when they see fit, whereas Fort Lauderdale does not.

7 - Impact of Short distance Trips.

Short fares incur losses due to credit card, airport fees and wait times.

8 - RECOMMENDED FARES STRUCTURE:

FARE TYPE	CURRENT	'PROPOSED
Base Fare	3.50	15.00
Additional 1/6 Mile	0.48	0.70
Waiting time per minute	0.40	0.70
Minimum (Airport and Port)	13.00	28.00
Intra Facility {Port and Airport)	8.00	28.00
Airport Fee	3.00	3.00
Extra Passenger(s) fee {>2) + Orig. Fees	0.00	10.00 (+ 5.00)
Extra Luggage Fee {>1 Lugg+ >1 C-O) + OF	0.00	10.00 (+5.00)
Large Vehicle: Van	0.00	+20.00%
Lux SUV	0.00	+30.00%
Surged Price: all Federal Holidays, Sport events	0.00	+10.00%
Night Extra Mon-Fri {8:00 pm-5:00 am)	0.00	+10.00%
Night Extra Sat and Sun " "	0.00	+15.00%

Additionally:

- 1) Drivers will no longer collect funds for BCAD, will instead pay fee in advance before each ride.
- 2) Because of past losses, drivers will collect fares up front at the origination location.
- 3} Drivers request a system that captures the toll fee and include it in the fare.
- 4) Excessive, arbitrary and abusive actions of the Broward County agents against cab drivers must stop (reaping off hack licenses from cab drivers).
- 5) Drivers request that credit card fees to be paid on the meter by the customers.

Attachment 3 - Vehicle-for-Hire Ages in Broward County

YEAR	VEHICLE AGE	TAXI	% OF TAXI FLEET	LUXURY SEDAN	LUXURY LIMOUSINE/ TRANSPORT VAN
2001	24	0		0	1
2004	21	2		0	0
	>20 Years	2	0.3%	0	1
2005	20	3		0	0
2006	19	9		0	0
2007	18	14		0	0
2008	17	21		0	3
2009	16	27		0	0
	16-20 Years	74	12.7%	0	3
2010	15	24		0	0
2011	14	41		0	3
2012	13	40		0	2
2013	12	56		0	4
2014	11	57		0	10
	11-14 Years	218	37.4%	0	19
2015	10	94		4	28
2016	9	59		3	49
2017	8	40		9	36
2018	7	25		11	30
2019	6	17		20	52
	6-10 Years	235	40.3%	47	195
2020	5	13		15	51
2021	4	19		19	28
2022	3	4		34	23
2023	2	2		54	56
2024	1	10		26	55
2025	0	6		7	9
	0-5 Years	54	9.3%	155	222
Total		583		202	440

Taxis 16 yrs or older = 76 (13%)

Taxis > 10 yrs old = 294 (50%)

Attachment 4 - Multijurisdictional Vehicle Standards Comparison

Palm Beach County vehicle inspection standards are identical to Broward County. There are currently no vehicle age restrictions for Broward nor Palm Beach Counties. Miami-Dade County limits vehicles to under 15 years of age. Uber and Lyft restrict vehicles to 2009 (16 years) or newer.

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
Motor vehicles shall be kept clean and orderly during all times of active service.	(None Stated)	<p>"...exterior must be free of grime, oil or other substances and free from cracks, breaks, dents and damaged paint that detracts from the overall appearance of the vehicle and that could harm, injure, soil or impair the passenger or...personal belongings."</p> <p>"...passenger compartment must be clean, free from torn upholstery or floor coverings, damaged or broken seats, and protruding sharp edges. All equipment in the interior of the vehicle shall be safely and adequately secured. There shall be no holes opening to the passenger compartment from the underbody."</p>	<p>Permitted vehicles shall be structurally sound and maintained in proper operating condition at all times.</p> <p>The interior of permitted vehicles shall be kept clean, sanitary, and free from damage. The exterior of permitted vehicles must be free from cracks, breaks, dents and fading that would impair the safety or appearance of the vehicle.</p>	<p>A vehicle for hire shall be maintained in a clean, well-painted manner so as to provide a generally good appearance.</p> <p>All seats in a shuttle vehicle shall be factory installed only.</p> <p>A motor vehicle in service as a vehicle for hire shall have the following equipment on the motor vehicle, which equipment shall be maintained in good repair:</p>

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
		"The interior of the trunk, or rear portion...shall be free from dirt, grime, oil, trash, or other material which could soil items placed therein and free of protruding metal or other objects that could damage items placed therein."		
Motor vehicles shall not be operated if the top or interior lights or the headlights or taillights are not functioning properly.	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)
Likewise, a motor vehicle shall not be driven unless the brakes, steering mechanism, tires, horn, windshield wipers, and side and rearview mirrors are in good working order.	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)
Shall not be operated if the dashboard warning lights are malfunctioning or remain illuminated while the motor vehicle is being driven.	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
Advertising on any vehicle regulated by this Chapter shall not obstruct the driver's view and shall not obstruct the vehicle's top lights or other lights. No vehicle shall have within it, or on its exterior, any sign which encourages, advertises for, or otherwise solicits tips.	(None Stated)	Driver's vision must be unobstructed on all four (4) sides	Vision from a permitted vehicle cannot be obstructed on any side of the vehicle.	(None Stated)
All vehicles operating as motor vehicles under this Chapter, including motor vehicles operating in municipalities regulating the industry pursuant to Section 22½-12 of this Chapter, shall have an inspection of the following components, which shall be demonstrated to be functional and meet the safety standards designated by the manufacturer:	A mechanical vehicle inspection must be completed on all vehicles for hire. This inspection shall be completed by a mechanic certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). The inspection, at a minimum, shall include the following components, which shall be demonstrated to be functional and meet the safety standards designated by the manufacturer:	In addition to applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety requirements in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, part 571 and Florida Statutes:	"...each vehicle must be inspected and certified by an ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified mechanic or commercial auto repair facility licensed by the State. The vehicle must pass a safety and mechanical inspection. All vehicles must pass the inspection on an annual basis and each year thereafter... The inspection shall include, at a minimum, the following:	(None Stated)

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
Foot brakes;	Foot brakes;	"Brakes within allowable parameters as provided by test equipment readings for stopping effectiveness...no leaks in lines, hoses, fittings, or parts; hoses shall not be cracked or frayed; there shall be no audible air leaks in air brake system."	Foot brakes and parking brake;	Adequate brakes on all wheels.
Emergency parking brake;	Emergency parking brake;			
Suspension/steering mechanism;	Suspension/steering mechanism;	Vehicle steering and suspension shall be functional	Suspension and steering;	(None Stated)
Windshield;	Windshield;	Glass shall not be broken or cracked	Windshield;	(None Stated)
Rear window and other glass;	Rear window and other glass;		(None Stated)	(None Stated)
Windshield wipers;	Windshield wipers;	Wiper blades must be able to clean glass when wet and the rubber element shall not be torn, ripped, or loose	Windshield wipers;	(None Stated)

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
Headlights; Taillights; Turn indicator lights; Brake lights;	Headlights; Taillights; Turn indicator lights; Brake lights;	Headlights, low and high beam, shall be operable, and within test equipment allowable readings	Headlights; Taillights; Brake lights; Turn indicator lights;	(None Stated)
		All lights shall be operable including 4-way flasher, turn and signal, clearance, warning, marker, brakes, taillight, license plate, backup and parking light. All lights must be of correct color and properly positioned as required by Florida Statutes and regulations. All dome lights must be operable with lens in place		(None Stated)
		Reflectors and lenses shall not be cracked or missing and must be of correct color and properly positioned		(None Stated)
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	"A functioning interior light within the passenger compartment..."	(None Stated)	(None Stated)
Front seat adjustment mechanism	Front seat adjustment mechanism	(None Stated)	Front seat adjustment mechanism;	(None Stated)
Doors (open/close/lock);	Doors (open/close/lock)	"Functioning windows, door handles and latches. The primary and secondary hood/trunk/rear access door latches..."	Door and lock operation;	(None Stated)

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
Horn	Horn	horn which shall be audible	Horn;	(None Stated)
Speedometer;	Speedometer;	"A functioning and speedometer and odometer..."	Speedometer;	Speedometer in good working order.
Bumpers;	Bumpers;	"Bumpers/moldings/guards shall be installed/replaced as originally manufactured..."	Bumper;	(None Stated)
Muffler and exhaust system;	Muffler and exhaust system;		Muffler and exhaust system;	(None Stated)
Condition of tires, including tread depth	Condition of tires, including tread depth	Safe tires no recaps shall be used. Maximum allowable treadwear shall be where tread is level with wear bar, or 2/32 " when measured at three random places in tire tread. The tires shall be inflated to manufacturer's specifications and free of cuts, cracks, bulges or exposed belts	Condition of tires, including tread depth;	Tires of a quality sufficient to pass inspection by the Department or better.
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	"...hubcaps or wheelcovers, on all four (4) wheels..."	(None Stated)	(None Stated)
Interior and exterior rear view mirrors;	Interior and exterior rear view mirrors;	"Inside rear-view mirror and a mirror on each side of vehicle."	Interior and exterior rearview and side view mirrors;	(None Stated)
Safety belts for drivers and passengers.	Safety belts for drivers and passengers.	Seatbelts for all persons transported shall be in place and functional	Safety belts;	Seat belts for the driver and all passengers.
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	"operating air-conditioning system that provides cooled and heated air..."	Air conditioning;	Adequate heater and an air conditioner.

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	Front-end and rear-end alignment shall be within allowable parameters as provided by test equipment readings for alignment		(None Stated)
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	Oil or other fluid leaks	
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	An A, B, C type fire extinguisher (minimum size allowed is 2.5 lbs).
Taxis:				
Owner's trade name, monogram or insignia, taxicab number, and telephone number	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	All taxicabs, handicabs and vans are required to prominently display the certificate holder's name on the exterior of the vehicle.	Except for limousines, decals or monograms, with lettering at least four inches in height, so as to reflect lights shined on them in the dark.
Two-way radio installed and operating properly...or any other electronic equipment utilized for handling service requests	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	For taxicabs and shuttles only, a two-way radio.
distinctive, uniform, and decorative color scheme	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	Each color scheme, business name and commercial identification shall be sufficiently distinctive as not to cause confusion with other for-hire businesses already operating in the City

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	Any vehicle initially placed into service, shall not have been previously used as a taxicab outside of Miami-Dade County, or have a "rebuilt" or "salvage" title and shall be no greater than fifteen (15) model years of age. Any vehicle over fifteen (15) model years of age shall not be operated as a taxicab.	(None Stated)	(None Stated)
Vehicles shall be inspected in accordance with the following schedule; provided, however, that the Division may inspect a vehicle for hire for compliance with the provisions of this Chapter at any time:	All taxi and non-medical wheelchair and stretcher transportation vehicles shall be visually inspected when first placed into service, and annually thereafter	Taxicab vehicle age limits and inspection schedules. Taxicab vehicle age limits and frequency of for-hire inspections are as follows provided, however, that the Department may inspect a for-hire vehicle at any time.	(None Stated)	The owner of a vehicle for hire shall subject the vehicle to a complete and thorough inspection by the Department under rules promulgated by the Director according to the following schedule:
Vehicles for hire that are not more than ten (10) model years old shall be inspected annually.		A taxicab one through ten (10) model years of age shall be inspected annually	A vehicle for hire exceeding ten model years on December 31st of any year shall obtain an additional annual inspection of interior restraint and safety equipment to ensure that such equipment is functional and in good working order.	Taxicabs—One time every 120 days. Limousines, vans and buses—One time every 12 months but no later than July 14 every year. All other vehicles for hire, including prearranged carriers—One time every 120 days.

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Vehicles for hire that are ten (10) model years old or older and less than fifteen (15) model years old shall be inspected semiannually.	(None Stated)	taxicab eleven (11) through fifteen (15) model years of age shall be inspected semi-annually	(None Stated)	(None Stated)
(None Stated)	(None Stated)	“vehicle eleven through fifteen model years of age operating as a taxicab shall be permanently removed from service if the operator has during any one-year period: (i) been found guilty by an administrative hearing officer of two or more violations of the vehicle standards; (ii) failed two or more citations for violations of the vehicle standards set forth in this section established time; or (iii) paid two or more fine for violating the vehicle standards set forth in this section.	(None Stated)	(None Stated)
Vehicles for hire that are fifteen (15) model years old or older shall be inspected quarterly.	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)

Broward County (Sec. 22 1/2-9B)	Palm Beach County (Sec. 19-223)	Miami-Dade County (Sec. 31-89)	Hillsborough County (Sec. 10-583)	City of Jacksonville (Sec. 220-212)
Any vehicle failing to pass the inspection may have its operating permit suspended in accordance with Section 22½-13. Any person or entity that fails to comply with the requirements of this section is subject to denial, revocation, or suspension of its business permit and decals.	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)	(None Stated)

Attachment 5 - Taximeter Rate Review

As requested by the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) during the April 22, 2025 meeting, and in response to a proposal for taxi fare adjustments submitted by representatives of the Broward Taxi Association, in August 2025 the Consumer Protection Division (CPD) completed its bi-annual review of taximeter rates, pursuant to Section 22½-11(c)(1) of the Broward County Code.

Current rates for a five (5) mile trip in Broward County yield a \$17.42 fare; a comparable trip in Miami- Dade County yields a \$20.40 fare; a five (5) mile trip from Palm Beach International Airport yields \$15.37 (note: Palm Beach County does not regulate taxi fees outside of the airport). Based on review of 18 other comparable jurisdictions, including Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach International Airport, Broward County ranks seventh (see 2025 Taxi Rate Survey). Five (5) of the 19 jurisdictions, including Broward County, have raised their taximeter rates since CPD’s last review in 2023

The Board adopted a Resolution providing for a 20% increase in December 2023, increasing the drop (initial) rate from \$2.95 to \$3.50, and increasing the one-sixth (1/6) of a mile from \$0.40 to \$0.48. Since the rate increase in 2023, the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) in South Florida has increased 5.08%, while gas prices have decreased by 2.6%. Transportation network companies (“TNC”) rates for off-peak hours are comparable to Broward County’s current taximeter rates; however, surge pricing can increase TNC rates to more than 48% higher than taxi rates.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on its review, the Division **does not recommend an increase at this time**. The rationale for this recommendation includes: (1) The Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution providing for a 20% increase in December 2023; and (2) our current ranking of seventh out of the 19 compared jurisdictions puts us in the top third pricewise, above locations such as San Francisco and Boston; and (3) observed parity between current taxi rates and rideshare rates, with taxis at times the more expensive option and rideshare the more expensive option at other times; and (4) the large taxi operators expressed concerns that an increase in taxicab rates might price taxicabs out of the market.

2025 Taximeter Rate Survey

RANK	CITY/STATE	DROP RATE	COST OF ADDITIONAL MILE	FIVE (5) MILE TRIP
1	San Diego, CA	\$3.80 1st 1/10 mile	\$0.41 per 1/10 mile (\$4.10 mile)	\$23.89
2	Miami Dade County, FL	\$2.95 1st 1/6 mile	\$0.85 per 1/6 mile up to 1 mile; \$0.55 per 1/6 mile (\$3.30/mile)	\$20.40
3	Charlotte, NC*	\$3.50 1st 1/5 mile	\$0.70 per 1/5 mile (\$3.50/mile)	\$20.30
4	Las Vegas, NV*	\$5.25 1st 1/8 mile	\$0.37 per 1/8 mile (\$2.96/mile)	\$20.05
5	New York, NY	\$3.00 1st 1/5 mile	\$0.70 per 1/5 mile (\$3.50/mile)	\$19.80
6	Los Angeles, CA*	\$3.10 1st 1/9 mile	\$0.33 per 1/9 mile (\$2.97/mile)	\$17.62
7	Broward County, FL*	\$3.50 1st 1/6 mile	\$0.48 per 1/6 mile (\$2.88/mile)	\$17.42
8	Washington, DC*	\$4.50 1st 1/8 mile	\$0.32 per 1/8 mile (\$2.56/mile)	\$16.98
9	San Francisco, CA	\$4.15 1st 1/5 mile	\$0.65 per 1/5 mile (\$3.25/mile)	\$16.70
10	Boston, MA	\$2.60 1st 1/7 mile	\$0.40 per 1/7 mile (\$2.80/mile)	\$16.20
11	Seattle, WA	\$2.60 1st 1/9 mile	\$0.30 per 1/9 mile (\$2.70/mile)	\$16.20
12	Hillsborough County (Tampa area), FL	\$3.50 1st 1/9 mile	\$0.3125 per 1/8 mile (\$2.50/mile)	\$15.69
13	Palm Beach International Airport, FL	\$2.50 1st 1/8 mile	\$0.33 per 1/8 mile (\$2.64/mile)	\$15.37
14	New Orleans, LA	\$3.50 1st 1/8 mile	\$0.30 per 1/8 mile (\$2.40/mile)	\$15.20
15	Baltimore, MD	\$2.90 1st 1/10 mile	\$0.25 per 1/10 mile (\$2.50/mile)	\$15.15
16	Philadelphia, PA	\$2.70 1st 1/10 mile	\$0.25 per 1/10 mile (\$2.50/mile)	\$14.95
17	Fairfax County, VA	\$3.50 1st 1/6 mile	\$0.36 per 1/6 mile (\$2.16/mile)	\$13.94
18	Orlando, FL	\$2.40 1st 1/4 mile	\$0.60 per 1/4 mile (\$2.20/mile)	\$13.80
19	Dallas, TX	\$2.25 1st 1/9 mile	\$0.20 per 1/9 mile (\$1.80/mile)	\$11.05
	* Taximeter rates have changes since last review			