

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2067

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK,
CHAPTER 380 TAXICABS, "FARES"**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park regulates the fares which can be charged by the owners or drivers of taxicabs licensed by said Borough; and

WHEREAS, the current fares authorized to be charged were established by Ordinance in 1991 and last amended in 2014; and

WHEREAS, since 2014 the cost of operating taxicabs, including gas, tolls, taxes, healthcare, utilities and other costs have increased dramatically; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to authorize an adjustment to the fares charged by taxicabs to a level commensurate with those authorized in surrounding municipalities.

BE IT ORDAINED, THEREFOR, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Section 1. **§ 380-5** of the "Code of the Borough of Highland Park" which establishes fares which may be charged by the owner or driver of taxicabs licensed within the Borough for transportation of passengers is amended to read as follows ([bracketed] fare is being deleted and the new fare is underlined):

§ 380-5. Fares.

The prices which may be charged by the owner or driver of taxicabs licensed hereunder for transportation of passengers for hire within the Borough shall not exceed the following rates:

A. Regular fare.

- (1) For the carriage of any two passengers from the same point of origin to the same point of discharge, the points of origin and discharge being within the limits of the Borough and one of the points being north of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, the regular fare shall be \$7.00 [~~\$3.65 during 2014; \$4.10 during 2015 and \$4.50 during 2016 or until further adjusted by the Borough~~]. The fare for each additional passenger to the same points described above shall be \$1.00.
- (2) For the carriage of any two passengers from the same point of origin and discharge, the points of origin and discharge both being within the limits of the Borough and not covered by Subsection **A(1)** as above, the regular fare shall be \$6.00 [~~\$3.35 during 2014; \$3.65 during 2015 and \$4.00 during 2016 or until further adjusted by the Borough~~]. The fare for each additional passenger to the same points described above shall be \$1.00 [~~\$0.65 during 2014; \$0.85 during 2015 and \$1.00 during 2016 or until further adjusted by the Borough~~].

B. The regular fare cited in Subsection **A** shall not apply to senior citizens during the following times:

- (1) Monday through Friday, except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- (2) All day Saturday.

- C. The fare for senior citizens during the time cited in Subsection **B** of this section shall be as follows:
- (1) For the carriage of any one senior citizen from the point of origin to the point of discharge, the points of origin and discharge being within the limits of the Borough, the senior citizen fare shall be \$6.00 [~~\$2.50 during 2014; \$2.75 during 2015 and \$3.00 during 2016 or until further adjusted by the Borough~~].
 - (2) The fare for each additional senior citizen passenger to the same points described above shall be \$1.00 [~~\$0.65 during 2014; \$0.85 during 2015; and \$1.00 during 2016 or until further adjusted by the Borough~~].
- D. In the event that the point of origin and/or point of discharge is different for any of the passengers, then each passenger shall pay the regular fare of \$6.00 [~~\$3.50 during 2014; \$3.75 during 2015 and \$4.00 during 2016 or until further adjusted by the Borough~~] or senior citizens fare of \$5.00 [~~\$2.40 during 2014; \$2.60 during 2015 and \$2.75 during 2016 or until further adjusted by the Borough~~] as provided in Subsections **A**, **B** and **C**.
- E. For the carriage of three or four packages, the fare shall be an additional \$1.00 [~~\$0.25~~]. For the carriage of five to eight packages, the fare shall be an additional \$2.00 [~~\$0.50~~].
- F. The rates for packages described in Subsection **E** above shall also apply to suitcases.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced on first reading by title: February 21, 2023

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Borough Clerk

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