

Hackney Carriage Tariff

I am sorry to write again so soon after my previous letter but I need to make you all aware that an alternative proposal has been suggested for the increase of the tariff. This is instead of the proposal to adopt the East Devon Tariff (or something similar).

As you may already be aware, the East Devon Tariff represents, in some cases, a *decrease* to the current fares. In order to help you compare the two directly, we have enclosed the East Devon Tariff again, but this time it includes a 'price guide' for a number of different length journeys.

I believe that the alternative proposal has been discussed between a few proprietors already and it is in essence to increase Tariff 1 by **10%** (which would intern increase tariff 2 and 3). It was also suggested to increase the flag drop to **£3.00**. An updated price guide is copied below which shows how this would change the fares for different length journeys.

	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
First 530 yds	£3.00	£4.50	£6.00
Every subsequent 180 yds up to 2 miles	£0.22	£0.33	£0.44
Every subsequent 170.7 yds after 2 miles	£0.22	£0.33	£0.44
Miles	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
1	£4.54	£6.81	£9.08
2	£6.74	£10.11	£13.48
3	£9.16	£13.74	£18.32
4	£11.36	£17.04	£22.72
5	£13.56	£20.34	£27.12
10	£25.00	£37.50	£50.00

I appreciate it may not be possible to get a consensus, but I understand that some of you believe there are benefits to sticking with the existing tariff and including a percentage increase - this should then ensure that there is an increase regardless of the type of work you undertake (as opposed to adopting another tariff entirely, which could lead to both increases and decreases in certain circumstances).

As a result of the alternative suggestion, it would be helpful if you could all answer the enclosed question sheet. Once you have completed it, please take a picture of the page(s) and send it to us via email – licensing@middevon.gov.uk. As this is additional information to our previous letter, we are now asking that you respond to us by **12 July 2021**. Please mark the subject for this email as '**Taxi Tariff 2021 response B**'. If this is not possible, you can post it to Licensing, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6PP.

Kind regards

Tom Keating

Licensing Team

Hackney Carriage Tariff Questions:

1. Do you think Mid Devon District Council should adopt the East Devon Tariff?	YES	NO
1a) If YES to Q1, have you already responded to MDDC confirming this?	YES	NO
2. Do you think Mid Devon District Council should introduce a percentage increase to its existing Tariff 1, instead of adopting the East Devon Tariff? (This would also subsequently increase Tariff 2 and 3).	YES	NO
3. If yes to Q2, what do you think this percentage increase should be?	_____ %	
4. Do you think Mid Devon District Council should increase the flag drop (which is currently £2.30)?	YES	NO
5. If yes to Q4, how much do you think the flag drop should be?	£_____	
6. Do you think Mid Devon District Council should introduce the option of a booking fee?	YES	NO
7. If yes to Q6, how much do you think the booking fee should be?	£_____	
8. Do you think that the general starting time for Tariff 2 and 3 should change (it is currently 11:30pm)?	YES	NO
9. If yes to Q8, what time do you think it should start?	_____	
10. Do you think there should be any change(s) to the 'extras'? If so, please list them below:		
11. Going forward, how frequent do you think Mid Devon District Council should ask the Hackney Carriage trade whether they would like a change to the tariff?	Every _____ year(s)	

12. If you have any other comments, please write them below:

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Name: _____

Date: _____