

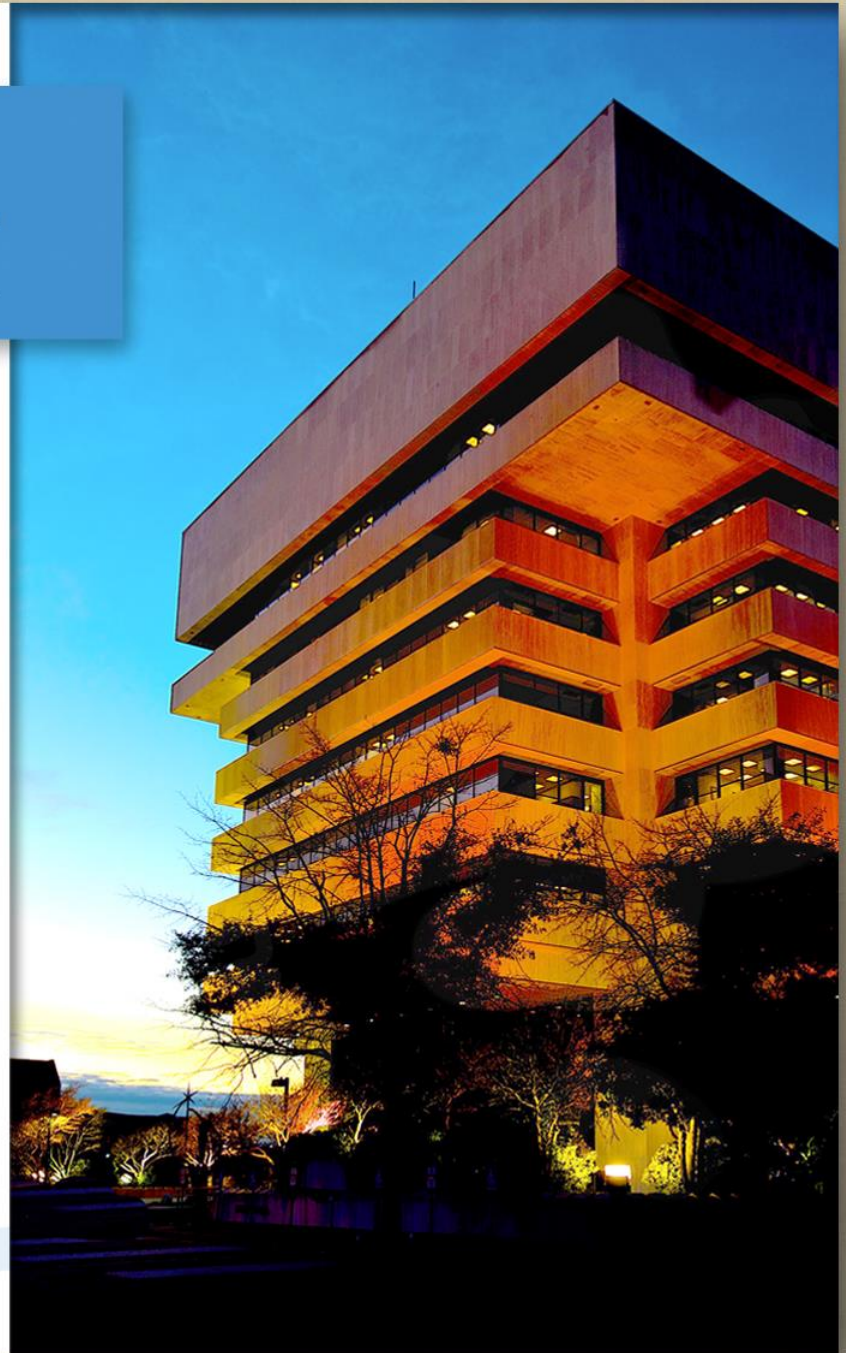
HAMPTON VA

Taxicab Ordinance

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AGE OF TAXICAB

- Hampton Sec. 38-19: “Every taxicab for which a certificate is issued . . . under this article shall be no more than seven (7) model years of age.”
- **Proposed Amendment: Increase to 10 model years.**
- Other localities:
 - Portsmouth: 7
 - Norfolk: 8
 - Newport News: 10
 - Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Chesapeake: No age limit.

Color Scheme of Taxis

- Hampton City Code 38-20(c): The color scheme of the vehicle(s) of a holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under this chapter shall not be substantially similar to the color scheme of a different certificate holder and all such color schemes shall be approved by the chief of police.
- **Proposed Amendment: Remove this section. Taxicabs will still be required to have the owner's name and cab number.**
- In addition to Hampton, only Chesapeake and Newport News have the color scheme requirement.

Rates

- **HAMPTON Sec. 38-127:** (b) The rates to be charged and collected for services by taxicabs within the corporate limits of the city shall be as follows:
 - (1) For the first 1/7 mile\$2.75
 - (2) For each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof\$.30 ea. (\$2.10/mi.)**Newport News is the same**
- **Proposed Amendment:**
 - Amend pickup fee to allow up to \$5.00 for first 1/7 of a mile.
 - Amend allowable rate to \$.35 for each additional 1/7 of a mile.
- **VA BEACH:** \$3.25 pickup and \$.30 ea. 1/8 of a mile after (\$2.40/mi.)
- **NORFOLK:** \$6.00 pickup and \$.30 ea. 1/7 of a mile after (\$2.10/mi.)
- **CHESAPEAKE:** \$3.00 pickup fee and \$.40 ea. 1/6 of a mile after (\$2.40/mi.)
- **PORTSMOUTH:** \$2.15 pickup fee and \$.40 ea. 1/6 of a mile after (\$2.40/mi.)

Rate Exception

- **Proposal:**
- **Amend our ordinance to provide:**
 - Notwithstanding the above provisions of this section, a certificate holder may enter into written contracts with organizations and companies to provide service on a negotiated basis upon a fare schedule agreed upon in the contract.
- Suffolk, Norfolk and Chesapeake all provide exceptions.
- Newport News proposed amendments provide for rate exceptions.

Summary of Recommendations

- Raise age limit of vehicles to 10 model years.
- Remove requirement that all taxis from a company have the same color scheme.
- Increase allowable pickup fee (first 1/7 of a mile) to \$5.00.
- Increase allowable rate to \$.35 for each 1/7 of a mile thereafter (\$2.45/mi.)
- Provide exception to the rate for companies that have a contract with the taxi business.

Conclusion / Questions

