

**Ordinance amending sections 57-85, "Age of vehicle"; 57-131, "Fares-Amounts"; and deleting Chapter 57, Article VI Transportation Network Companies in its entirety of the City Code and providing for severance, publication, and an effective date.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 57-85 of the Corpus Christi City Code is hereby amended by adding language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) to the existing text as set forth below:

**Sec. 57-85. Age of vehicle.**

The certificate holder shall not allow a vehicle in his or her taxicab service to be more than ~~seven (7)~~ years old at the time it is placed into service, nor more than ~~ten (10)~~ 15 years old while it is maintained for service. The age of the vehicle shall be calculated from January 1 of the model year of the vehicle.

No vehicles which are more than ~~ten (10)~~ 15 years old, as calculated above, may be used as taxicab vehicle.

*Exceptions:*

- (1) No vehicles modified with specialized access equipment to service persons with disabilities which are more than ~~fifteen (15)~~ years old, as calculated above, may be used as taxicab vehicle. Vehicles modified with specialized access equipment to service persons with disabilities which are more than ~~ten (10)~~ years old must pass an annual physical and mechanical inspection at a location to be designated by the taxi inspector. Vehicles modified with specialized access equipment to service persons with disabilities which are more than ~~ten (10)~~ years old must be approved by the taxi inspector.
- (2) Vehicles registered as "Classic" which have valid State of Texas registration sticker may be used as taxicab vehicle. Classic vehicles must be approved by the taxi inspector.

**SECTION 2.** Section 57-131 of the Corpus Christi City Code is hereby amended by adding language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) to the existing text as set forth below:

**Sec. 57-131. Fares—Amounts.**

- (a) There is hereby established as the maximum rates of fare for taxicabs within the city limits of the City of Corpus Christi for ~~one (1)~~ or more persons, not exceeding ~~seven (7)~~ persons, of ~~two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50)~~ \$3.50 for the first one-fifth mile or less, and an additional charge for each succeeding one-fifth mile or fraction thereof, based upon the average retail price of ~~one (1)~~ gallon of regular gasoline sold within the City of Corpus Christi and in accordance with the following chart:

Per gallon gasoline price	Charge per succeeding 1/5 mile or a fraction thereof
Under 3.50	<del>\$0.50</del> <u>\$0.65</u>
3.50—3.75	<del>–0.55</del> <u>\$0.70</u>
3.76—4.00	<del>–0.60</del> <u>\$0.75</u>
4.01—4.25	<del>–0.65</del> <u>\$0.80</u>
4.26—4.50	<del>–0.70</del> <u>\$0.85</u>

;sz=9;Note: Sliding scale formula shall be applied, ad infinitum.

The price of ~~one (1)~~ gallon of regular gasoline sold within the City of Corpus Christi shall be determined by the Oil Price Information Service, as reported by AAA at [www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com). Such price will be determined by the current Corpus Christi price given by AAA at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on the tenth day of each month and will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. CST on the eleventh day of the current month. The taxicab inspector shall disseminate the gasoline price.

For each ~~one (1)~~ hour of waiting time or traffic delay time, the maximum charge shall be ~~twenty-four dollars (\$24.00)~~ \$30.00.

The above established rates of fare are the maximum that may be charged, provided however, for fares collected from passengers picked up at the airport, such airport passenger fares may include a ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ \$1.50 surcharge per fare collected from ~~one (1)~~ or more persons not to exceed ~~seven (7)~~ persons.

For customers wishing to use a credit card a ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ \$1.50 convenience fee may be added to the fare.

Lower rates may be charged at the option of the taxicab certificate holder. While in the city limits a driver shall keep the taximeter in operation while the taxicab is employed regardless of whether a metered rate, a discounted rate or a out-of-town flat rate is charged.

For taxi fares originating in the area east of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Causeway on State Highway 358 or west of the Clarkwood Road and Interstate 37 intersection, there will be a ~~ten-dollar (\$10.00)~~ \$13.00 minimum fare allowed.

(b) *Flat rate.* Where a metered rate is not charged, an alternative flat rate for taxicab fares may be imposed for trips originating and ending within geographic zones I through VII of the Corpus Christi Flat Rate Zone Map. The maximum rate per zone is ~~twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50)~~ \$16.25. An additional stop fee in an amount not to exceed ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ \$6.50 will be allowed for stops within a zone. The alterative flat rate can be increased per zone crossed for trips originating and ending in a different zone. A copy of the Corpus Christi Flat Rate Zone Map may be provided by the taxi inspector and shall remain on file for public inspection in the office of the city secretary.

Zone	Corpus Christi Flat Rate Zones
I	Island

II	Flour Bluff
III	Southside
IV	Central
V	Downtown
VI	Airport
VII	Calallen

(c) A cancelation fee may be charged where a passenger cancels after booking, if such fee has been filed by the certificate holder with the taxi inspector and posted on the website used by the certificate holder and communicated to the passenger at booking.

**SECTION 3.** Article VI of Chapter 57 encompassing Sections 57-281 through 57-296 of the Corpus Christi City Code is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 4.** If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

**SECTION 5.** Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon publication.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote:

Paulette M. Guajardo \_\_\_\_\_  
Roland Barrera \_\_\_\_\_  
Gil Hernandez \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Hunter \_\_\_\_\_  
Billy Lerma \_\_\_\_\_

John Martinez \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Molina \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Pusley \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Smith \_\_\_\_\_

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, by the following vote:

Paulette M. Guajardo \_\_\_\_\_  
Roland Barrera \_\_\_\_\_  
Gil Hernandez \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Hunter \_\_\_\_\_  
Billy Lerma \_\_\_\_\_

John Martinez \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Molina \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Pusley \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Smith \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary

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Paulette M. Guajardo  
Mayor