

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: July 20, 2010
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Police Department
Presentation By: Brian Baker, Traffic Sergeant

Summary

Subject: **Amending the City of Yuba City Schedule of Fees and Charges for City Services Related to Taxicabs and Vehicles For Hire**

Recommendation: Conduct a Public Hearing and upon conclusion, staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution making the recommended adjustments in the City of Yuba City Fee Schedule

Fiscal Impact: No substantial fiscal impact is anticipated.

Background:

The City of Yuba City recently repealed and enacted a new Public Vehicles for Hire ordinance. This was done because the previous ordinance was enacted in 1947 and many areas of the ordinance were outdated. The new ordinance also provides better liability protection to the City by ensuring Public Vehicles for Hire companies have the proper liability insurance.

Analysis:

Currently, there are no fees collected for Public Vehicles for Hire Permits in the City of Yuba City Fee Schedule. This is in part due to the fact the City was deferring all Public Vehicles for Hire permit applicants to the City of Marysville. This was done because in the past the Public Vehicles for Hire companies were all operated out of the City of Marysville. The recommended licensing fees for the Operator and Vehicle permits come from analyzing what other local municipalities charge for similar activities. Both the Initial Driver and Renewal Driver permit fees parallel the Massage Therapist license fees. The reason for the similarity in the Massage Therapist permits and the Driver permits is the similar amount of work by staff to issue both permits. In addition to the Initial Operator and Initial Driver fees the applicant will be responsible for additional fees due to DOJ and the FBI for fingerprinting. The proposed fees are as follows and have included the increase in the fee schedule effective July 1, 2010.

Taxicab or Vehicle For Hire (All Permits = One Year Term)	Initial Operators Permit	\$110.00
	Renewal Operators Permit	\$ 55.00
	Initial Driver Permit (each driver)	\$ 68.00
	Renewal Driver Permit (each driver)	\$ 21.00
	Initial Vehicle Permit (each vehicle)	\$ 40.00
	Renewal Vehicle Permit (each vehicle)	\$ 20.00

Public Notification and Process

On May 18, 2010 Council approved the introduction and first reading of the new Vehicles for Hire. On June 1, 2010 Council heard and approved the second reading of the same ordinance. Additionally, notice of public hearing for this item has been given in the appropriate time, and if approved by Council, staff will also notify the existing Public Vehicles for Hire companies to inform them of the new ordinance and fee requirements. Adjustment to the City of Yuba City Fee Schedule would become effective upon signing of the proposed resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no real expectation of any fiscal impact.


Alternatives:

Reject the proposed fees and direct staff to find alternative fees.

Recommendation:


After conducting a public hearing, staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution making the requested addition of Public Vehicles for Hire Permit Fees.

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Submitted By:



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 BY EMAIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF YUBA CITY AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY
SERVICES RELATED TO TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2007, the City Council repealed and reenacted Chapter 8 of Title 3 of the Yuba City Municipal Code now entitled User Fee Recovery System; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2007, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 07-25 updating the Schedule of Fees and Charges for City Services ("User Fee Schedule"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to maintain its policy of recovering the full costs reasonably borne of providing special services of a voluntary and limited nature, such that general taxes are not diverted from general services of a broad nature and thereby utilized to subsidize unfairly and inequitably such special services; and

WHEREAS, the User Fee Schedule is adjusted annually for inflationary changes and as needed for changes to services offered by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yuba City has repealed and reenacted Chapter 11 of Title 5 of the Yuba City Municipal Code pertaining to Taxicabs and Vehicles For Hire; and

WHEREAS, the revised Chapter 11 of Title 5 imposes permit and renewal fees not imposed under the prior ordinance and requires an addition to the User Fee Schedule pertaining to Taxicab and Vehicle For Hire permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Yuba City does resolve as follows:

Section IV Public Safety of the User Fee Schedule regarding Business Regulations Permits is amended by the addition of the following:

Taxicab or Vehicle For Hire	Initial Operators Permit	\$110.00
(All Permits = One Year Term)	Renewal Operators Permit	\$ 55.00
	Initial Driver Permit (each driver)	\$ 68.00
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The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of July 2010.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Kash Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terrel Locke, City Clerk