

SOUTH OXHEY RADIO TAXIS
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We are writing to you to formally request an increase to the Hackney Carriage fare charges. There has not been an increase to the fares since June 2013. We did write to the Licensing Department back in January 2019 appealing for an increase but our request was completely ignored. At present the meter tariff (Tariff 1) starts at £2.80 for the first 1015 meters then rises by 10p for every additional 95 meters and 55 meters in excess of 2155 meters.

We would like to propose an increase to be £3.00 for the first 1015 meters then for the 10p rise to begin from 90 meters up to 2030 meters and 50 meters in excess of 2030 meters. Along with a daytime increase we would like a change to also be made to the night time rate. This currently stands at £3.20 for the hours between 23:00hrs to 06:00hrs. We propose this change to £3:50 from 20:00hrs to 06:00hrs

To give you an example for comparison, currently a 1.04 mile journey (1680m) costs £3.50; at the proposed rate the same journey would cost £3.80.

Again, a journey of 1.48miles (2375m) is £4.40 but would be £4.90 and 2.50miles (4025m) is £7.40 and would be £8.20.

If we were to compare this to our neighboring Hackney Carriages who are governed by Watford Borough Council and whose details we found on their website, dated 1st December 2017. You can see we would still be charging a much lower rate for similar journeys. Their fare table shows a journey of 1.06miles (1710m) costing £5.40, 1.46miles (2350m) is £6.40 and 2.49miles (4014m) is £9.00.

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As detailed above there has not been a fare/meter increase by Three Rivers in many years but there has continued to be a steady increase in fuel prices, insurance premiums and in all aspects of our vehicle maintenances. There has continued to be increases and extras to pay for our Hackney Carriage and Vehicle Licenses. All we are asking for is an increase to the meter rate to reflect this, and to bring us alongside the current economy.

Awaiting your response, sincerely

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