



**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Nick Schmitz, Assistant City Attorney  
**DATE:** April 25, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** **Taxi Ordinance**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt ordinance on first reading regarding the taxi business.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

Stefanie Stalheim, City Attorney	857-4755
Nick Schmitz, Assistant City Attorney	857-4755
Harold Stewart, City Manager	857-4750
Tom Joyce, Assistant City Manager	857-4750
John Klug, Chief of Police	857-9800

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

Taxi fare rates have not been updated for the City of Minot in several years. A representative with a local taxi operator approached the City about getting the fare schedule updated to more closely match current market conditions. The resolution updates the maximum fares that can be charged by taxi operators. In conjunction with the fare update, several ordinance provisions related to taxicabs also needed updating prior to the fare resolution being considered.

The resolution should be considered by City Council at the second reading of the ordinance.

B. Proposed Project

The City must decide how it wants the processes for licensing, inspection, exam, and enforcement as well as other areas of the law impacting the taxi business will be structured. The City must also decide if it wants to update the taxi fare rates and if so, what the new fare rate structure should be.

C. Consultant Selection

No consultant retained.

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. Strategic/Service/Delivery Impact:

If approved, the ordinance update and subsequent fare resolution will provide taxi operators with a specific path with regard to licensing, inspection, and exam as well as City staff with enforcement direction. The fare structure will also allow taxi operators to be competitive in the market.

B. Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City. Staff time will be periodically dedicated to administering the licensing and inspecting of taxicabs.

**V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS**

Updating the taxi ordinances and fare structure achieves the City Council's goals of having a dynamic and prosperous city as well as being safe and welcoming and connected.

**VI. ALTERNATIVES**

- A. City Council could offer amendments to the proposed ordinance.
- B. City Council could decline to pass the proposed ordinance.
- C. City Council could table the ordinance.
- D. City Council could direct staff to bring back additional research and information for its consideration regarding this matter.

**VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

- A. The fares that taxi operators can charge cannot be raised until there is action by the City Council.

**VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Proposed Ordinance
- B. Proposed Resolution