

# CHAPTER 33 - VEHICLES FOR HIRE

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## ARTICLE VIII. TAXICABS

### Sec. 33-900. Scope of instant article.

Holders of permits to operate taxicab services and drivers of taxicabs shall be governed by the provisions of Articles I and VIII of this chapter.

Secs. 33-901 - 33-908, reserved.

### Sec. 33-981. Rate of fares.

(a) Taxicab fare rates shall be:

Drop charge . . . \$ 2.50

Per mile . . . \$2.35

Per hour wait time . . . \$24.00

Per hour traffic delay . . . \$24.00

(b) Taxicab operator may charge a rate that is less than the maximum rate outlined in Sec. 33-981 (a). All passengers must be notified of discounted rates through an electronic application, website, or over the phone by a dispatcher. The Taxicab meter must be utilized at all time to include during a discounted fare.

(c) The minimum rate charge on any trip originating at the San Antonio International Airport or any pre-arranged (time-call) trip shall be \$10.50 or the meters fare, whichever is greater.

(d) The minimum rate charge on any trip originating in the "downtown rate zone" shall be \$5. "Downtown rate zone" is the geographical area bounded by Interstate 37, traveling south from IH 35 to E. Houston St.; E. Houston St., traveling east to N. Cherry St.; N. Cherry Street, traveling south to Caesar Chavez Blvd.; Caesar Chavez Blvd., traveling west to Alamo St.; Alamo St., traveling south to Frio St.; Frio St., traveling north to W. Houston; W. Houston, traveling east to IH 35; IH 35, traveling north to IH 37.

(e) Taxicab night rate: Meters shall be set to increase the drop charge by \$1 per trip (for a total drop charge of \$3.50) between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(f) A driver or holder shall not charge a fare for operating a taxicab that is higher than permitted in Sec. 33-981 of this chapter. A driver or holder shall not charge any

additional fees to include but not limited to: credit card processing fees, debit card processing fees, any third party card processing fees, and any other fees that are inconsistent with Sec. 33-981 of this chapter.

(g) A driver or holder may be authorized to charge a \$5.00 surcharge to be added to the amount on the meter for trips that originate from the following venues:

1. AT&T Center
2. Alamodome
3. Freeman Coliseum
4. Toyota Field
5. During Official Fiesta Events

(h) A driver may charge up to a \$200 cleaning fee, when at no fault of the driver a passenger leaves the taxicab in a state that requires immediate cleaning or the taxicab could not transport additional passengers. Prior to charging this fee the driver shall report the situation to their dispatch company and record the date, time, detailed information of the cleaning needed, and the amount the driver is charging.

(i) The director may require a holder to display rates on or within a vehicle for hire in a manner prescribed by the director.

(j) A per-mile fuel surcharge shall be added to the fares established by this section where the average price of regular unleaded gasoline is \$2.20 or greater. The per-mile surcharge shall be as outlined in appendix A Sec. 33-982;

(k) A fuel surcharge adjustment shall be done when the average price of fuel increases or decreases more than \$.50 from the last effective date. Fuel surcharge adjustments shall be done within 45 days from the date that the calculated average fuel price is received by the director; however, no more than 2 fuel surcharge adjustments may be done in a calendar year.

(l) Taxicab operators may charge an airport departure fee to the customer at the rate that is equal to the amount charged to the operator pursuant to Sec. 3-86 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas.

(m) Between January 1 and April 1 of every even numbered year, the Transportation Advisory Board shall review the taxicab fare rates and make a recommendation to city council, no later than July 1, whether to adjust the rates in effect at the time of the recommendation. Nothing in this section shall preclude the city from undertaking a study of taxicab rate of fares at its own discretion at any time, for referral to city council.

Effective July 1, 2018

**Sec. 33-981. Per mile surcharge.**

<b>Average Gas Price</b>	<b>Per-Mile Surcharge</b>
Under \$2.20	\$0.00
\$2.20 - \$2.49	\$0.05
\$2.50 - \$2.79	\$0.10
\$2.80 - \$2.99	\$0.15
\$3.00 - \$3.20	\$0.20
\$3.21 - \$3.49	\$0.25
\$3.50 - \$3.79	\$0.30
\$3.80 - \$3.99	\$0.35
\$4.00 - \$4.19	\$0.40
\$4.20 - \$4.49	\$0.45
\$4.50 - \$4.79	\$0.50
\$4.80 - \$4.99	\$0.55
\$5.00 - \$5.19	\$0.60
\$5.20 - \$5.49	\$0.65
\$5.50 - \$5.79	\$0.70
\$5.80 - \$5.99	\$0.75
\$6.00 - \$6.19	\$0.80
\$6.20 - \$6.49	\$0.85
\$6.50 - \$6.79	\$0.90
\$6.80 - \$6.99	\$0.95
\$7.00 and above	\$1.00

Secs. 33-983 - 33-999, reserved.