SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 15-068

WHEREAS, San Francisco taxicabs may charge their passengers only those fees and surcharges that are specified in the San Francisco Transportation Code; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco International Airport (SFO) currently requires taxi drivers to pay a \$4.00 Ground Transportation Access Fee each time they enter SFO; and,

WHEREAS, The Transportation Code allows drivers to recoup \$2.00 of taxicab driver's Ground Transportation Access Fee from their passengers whose trips originate at SFO; and,

WHEREAS, In May 2014, the Airport Commission increased the Ground Transportation Access Fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00, effective January 1, 2015

WHEREAS, To alleviate this additional cost burden to taxicab drivers that service SFO, the SFMTA proposes increasing the fee that a taxicab driver may charge a passenger for taxicab trips originating at SFO from \$2.00 to \$4.00; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed fee and fine changes are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2015, the Municipal Transportation Agency, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, and with the concurrence of the Planning Department, determined that the proposed changes to fees and fines are statutorily exempt from environmental review under California Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and the CEQA implementing guidelines because the anticipated revenues to the drivers will be used to meet City and County of San Francisco operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, or to purchase or lease supplies, equipment, or materials, or to obtain funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the determination is on file with the Secretary for the SFMTA Board of Directors and the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code 31; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors amends Transportation Code Division II, Article 1100, Section 1124, to increase the Airport Fee for taxicab trips originating at San Francisco International Airport from \$2.00 to \$4.00.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of May 5, 2015.

> Secretary to the Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Taxi Airport Trip Fee]

Resolution amending the Transportation Code to increase, from \$2.00 to \$4.00, the fee that taxicab drivers may charge passengers for trips originating at San Francisco International Airport.

NOTE: Additions are <u>single-underline Times New Roman</u>; deletions are <u>strike through Times New Roman</u>.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 1100 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby revised by amending Section 1124, to read as follows:

SEC. 1124. TAXI FARES AND FEES; GATE FEES.

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(c) Taxi Fees in Addition to Fares. Except as otherwise authorized by Section1124(b)(2)or (b)(3), a Driver or Color Scheme must charge a passenger the fare displayed onthe Taximeter, and may charge any of the additional fees set forth below, if applicable.

(1) Airport Fee. For taxicab trips originating at San Francisco International Airport that incur an airport trip fee, the taxicab driver may collect $\frac{4.00}{2.00}$ of that trip fee from the passenger upon receipt of cab fare from the passenger.

(2) Bridge Tolls. Drivers are authorized to collect bridge tolls in advance from passengers whose destination requires the crossing of a toll bridge, regardless of the direction in which the toll is collected.

(<u>3</u>4) Cleaning Fee. Drivers are authorized to collect a cleaning fee of up to \$100 from any passenger who permanently stains the interior of the vehicle or who renders the vehicle temporarily unfit for for-hire passengers because of spillage of any substance such that the vehicle must be taken out of service and cleaned.

(<u>4</u>5) Oversized Luggage Fee. A Driver is entitled to charge an additional amount not to exceed \$1 for each piece of luggage that cannot be conveyed either in the passenger compartment of the vehicle or in the vehicle's trunk with the trunk-lid closed. Each passenger shall be entitled to have conveyed without charge such valise or small package as can be conveniently carried within the vehicle. Other than the charges authorized by this subsection, no charge shall be made by the driver for loading or unloading baggage.

(<u>56</u>) Fees Requiring Passenger Consent. A Color Scheme Permit Holder may charge the taxi passenger the following additional fees, but only if the passenger consents to such fees in advance and has placed a credit card number on file with the Color Scheme. Customer consent for imposition of any fee listed in this subsection (c)(6) may be obtained prior to or at the time of the trip booking, but only after the customer is informed of the amount of the fee and the circumstances under which the fee will be imposed.

(A) Cancellation Fee. A cancellation fee of up to \$10 may be charged to any consenting customer who either cancels the trip after any established grace period has elapsed, or is not present when the Driver arrives at the location specified by the customer for pick up. A cancellation fee may not be imposed if the Driver arrives at the location specified by the customer for pick up in excess of 25 minutes after the Color Scheme accepted the trip booking. The cancellation fee shall be paid in full to the Driver who responds to the request for service.

(B) E-Hail Fee. An E-Hail Fee of up to \$5 may be charged by a Color Scheme that provides E-hail service to any customer who requests taxi service by E-Hail.

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Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this ordinance. Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:

Mariam M. Morley Deputy City Attorney

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Secretary to the Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency