



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of February 23, 2008**

DATE: February 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Authorize an Advertisement for a Public Hearing to be held on March 27, 2008, to consider an ordinance to amend, reenact and recodify Chapter 25 (Taxicabs), Section 25-9, Subsection 25-9 (2) (c), (d), and (e), Subsection 25-9 (3), and Subsection 25-9 (4) of the Arlington County Code relating to taxicab application, renewal, retest, duplicate license, and inspection fee, to become effective on July 1, 2008.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an Advertisement for a Public Hearing to be held on March 27, 2008, to consider an ordinance to amend, reenact and codify Chapter 25 (Taxicabs), Section 25-9, Subsection 25-9 (2) (c), (d), and (e), Subsection 25-9 (3), and Subsection 25-9 (4) of the Arlington County Code relating to taxicab application, renewal, retest, duplicate license, and inspection fees, to become effective on July 1, 2008.

ISSUES: As part of the regular budget process, authorization from the County Board is being requested to advertise a public hearing on proposed increases to taxicab application, renewal, retest, duplicate license, and inspection fees.

SUMMARY: The FY 2009 proposed budget includes an increase in the Taxicab License and Inspection Fees. The proposed amendment to Section 25-9 of the County Code would increase the original, renewal and retest application, taxicab inspection and taxicab license fees by between \$10 and \$40 depending upon the type of fee. It is anticipated that the proposed increased fees will generate approximately \$72,715 in additional revenue during FY 2009.

BACKGROUND: The taxicab fees codified in Chapter 25, Section 25-9 have remained constant since 1996. Since this time, the cost of licensing supplies and equipment has increased and the fees no longer fully defray the cost to the County of such taxicab regulation.

DISCUSSION: The County Manager's FY 2009 Proposed Budget includes an increase in certain fees for Taxicabs. In addition to Arlington, several other localities in Virginia and Maryland charge fees for taxicab applications, renewals, retests, duplicate licenses, and inspection fees. A comparison of area jurisdictions for the same licensing services indicate that the county fees are generally comparable to other localities for examination and new license fees, but are less than the fees for taxicab license retests, license renewals, duplicate licenses and

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taxicab inspections. However, the District of Columbia's fees are higher than Arlington for all taxicab license fees. The proposed fee structure for taxicab license fees is summarized in the following table:

Taxicab Licenses	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Original Application/License	\$30.00	\$50.00
Renewal Application/License	\$20.00	\$40.00
License Retest	\$15.00	\$25.00
Duplicate License	\$10.00	\$20.00
Taxicab Inspection	\$10.00	\$50.00

Attached is a proposed ordinance to amend, reenact and recodify Chapter 25 (Taxicabs), Section 25-9, Subsection 25-9 (2) (c), (d), and (e), Subsection 25-9 (3), and Subsection 25-9 (4) of the Arlington County Code relating to taxicab application, renewal, retest, duplicate license, and inspection fee, to become effective on July 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed taxicab fee increases, which would generate approximately \$72,715 in additional revenue in FY 2009, are included in the County Manager's FY 2009 Proposed Budget.

I. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 25 (TAXICABS), SECTION 25-9, SUBSECTION 25-9 (2) (c), (d), AND (e), SUBSECTION 25-9 (3), AND SUBSECTION 25-9 (4) OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY CODE RELATING TO TAXICAB APPLICATION, RENEWAL, RETEST, DUPLICATE LICENSE, AND INSPECTION FEES, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2008.

BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 25 (Taxicabs), Section 25-9, Subsection 25-9 (2) (c), (d), and (e), Subsection 25-9 (3), and Subsection 25-9 (4) of the Arlington County Code are hereby amended, reenacted, and recodified to become effective on July 1, 2008 as follows:

§ 25-9. Fees.

(1) *Generally; refunds.* The following fees shall be paid when applicable to the treasurer of the county for the use of the general fund and no part thereof shall be returned.

(2) *Applications:*

(a) For each application for certificate of public convenience and necessity the fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(b) For an application for an addition of vehicles to an authorized certificate the fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle added.

(c) For each original application for a public vehicle driver's license the fee shall be ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(d) For each renewal application for a public vehicle driver's license the fee shall be ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ forty dollars (\$40.00).

(e) For each retest application for a public vehicle driver's license the fee shall be ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(3) *Duplicate license.* For each duplicate license the fee shall be ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00).

(4) *Taxicab inspection.* For the required annual inspection of a new or in-service vehicle under section 25-17 the fee per vehicle shall be ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00).

II. The subsections of Section 25-9 not hereby amended shall remain as previously enacted.