

APPENDIX A

To be attached to Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs Committee Report dated 4/7/11

**Committee Members Present: Lovely, O'Keefe Sosnowski, Pelletier, Sargent
Committee of the Whole Members Present: Ronan, McCarthy, Pinto**

The committee discussed the following posted agenda items:

**Establish Criteria for Home Rule Petition for liquor licenses
Review of Boston Hot Dog Co. to make extended hours permanent
Request from Taxi Company to increase fares
Establish a Traffic and Parking Commission
Accept donation of podium**

**INVITED: Mayor or Rep., Solicitor, Criteria Committee, Boston Hot Dog Owner, Taxi and Livery
Companies, Police Chief or Rep.**

Order #468 Establish Criteria for Home Rule Petition for liquor licenses,

**Motion C. O'Keefe forward Town of Danvers Liquor License Guidelines to subcommittee for
its review for consideration to add specifically that pocket licenses be reviewed by the
licensing authority every 30 days and no longer than 18 months**

Second C. Pelletier

All in Favor None Opposed Voted

C. Lovely suggested that the HRP Criteria Subcommittee reconvene to finalize the criteria and report
back to the Ordinances committee with the final draft

C. Pinto requested that the Salem Chamber of Commerce suggested criteria be considered in
subcommittee

J. Silva suggested that a member of the restaurant committee be invited on the sub-committee

**Motion C. Pelletier moved to add either George Carey/Finz or Dave MacKillop/Rockafellas to
the subcommittee**

J. Silva will reach out to both to see who would like to sit on the subcommittee

Second C. Sosnowski

All in Favor None Opposed

C. Sosnowski questioned bias of a restaurateur

C. Lovely, C. O'Keefe and C. Pelletier said one should on the committee

Motion C. O'Keefe matter remain in committee and subcommittee report back in 30 days
Second C. Sargent
All in Favor None Opposed Voted

Order #276 Request from Taxi Company to increase fares

C. McCarthy and Sargent spoke about the \$1 surcharge increase implemented in 2008 for one year

C. Sargent suggested a tiered surcharge system

C. Sosnowski asked how many taxi vehicles and how many livery vehicles are there in the city

C. O'Keefe requested that ask each company present answer the following questions

How many cabs and/or livery vehicles to that own/operate

How many drivers do they employ in Salem?

Why do they want/need for an increase in the fares?

C. Pelletier complained that drivers drive too fast and that he was personally cut off on North Street at Oakland St by Cab #51 of Tri City Services

C. Ronan said we cannot tie surcharges to gas prices

He said that companies should not be able pick up two fares and charge them full price for each fare

C. Pinto questioned Livery vehicles and noted that there is no ordinance legislating them

The following companies were in the chamber and spoke

Tri City Services

Igor Likterov

55R Walnut Street, Peabody, MA

Have 7 taxis and 4 livery vehicles

Employs 30-40 drivers

Wants and increase due to maintenance, cost of parts, prices of goods going up and fares staying the same

Would like to see meters in the cabs

Beverly uses meters with a minimum rate of \$4 and an increase after .6 miles at \$1.25/mile

Meters depend on mileage

They charge for each fare when separate fares picked up

Charge for the whole car for multiple people when picked up at the same time (a family)

Meters would start at \$4 after .6 miles and \$1.20 each additional mile

WI to Lynn line would be \$9 – almost double

Peabody has zones

Lynn has higher rates

Senior citizens would be discounted by percentage of the fare tbd

C. Pelletier suggests going to meters and monitor it
Fix the rate for seniors
Give companies opportunity to earn a little more and keep cabs in better shape

Motion C. Pelletier council look into meter program

No Second

C. Sosnowski clarified the fare at \$4 for first .6 miles and 25cents/fifth of a mile after that
Likes concept of meters
How are seniors treated? It would be a percentage of metered fare
Discount now is \$1.00/fare less for seniors

C. Pelletier
Said livery vehicles are contracted services agreed to in advance

C. Sosnowski
Officer Page stops livery vehicles who act like taxis

C. O'Keefe
Is the meter connected to the wheel? Yes
How much does the meter cost? \$250

Sean MacKinnon
North Shore Taxi
Peabody
Have 5 taxis and 1 livery licensed in Peabody
Employs 25 drivers
There was another cab company called Community North Shore Taxi that's not his company
Doesn't feel meters are the answer
Most meters that he is familiar with add additional time for stopping (at stop lights for example)
Peabody has a zone system and he thinks works well
He recommends coming up with subcommittee of owners and cab companies and come up with zone system
There could be three zones at \$4.50 downtown then \$5.50 and \$6.50 further out of downtown tbd
Won't deal with stopping time – straight fee depending on zone
Peabody has good ordinance on Livery vehicles that we should look at
Peabody requires that livery vehicles have no markings/names/phone numbers on the vehicles and a minimum of \$30/ride
Livery companies pay 1/3 insurance and are acting like cabs
Include members of public and a senior on the subcommittee
Look at a map of the city and work out a zone system
Include \$1.00 discount for seniors in every zone

C. Ronan

Asked what is his practice with shared rides

North Shore Taxi said depends on time of day

Sometimes there are many calls and if he picked up one fare at a time then other fares have to wait

C. Pinto asked how meters are set

Igor said city council can set meter by mileage or time or both

C. Sosnowski said PD needs to weigh in

C. McCarthy asked with dual fare if first fare is asked if they mind second fare

North Shore said first fare is asked and if no then no pick up of second fare

C. Pelletier asked about calibration

North Shore said calibration is done by independent company and then weights and measures
Peabody zones work well

The price of the ride is the price of the ride and doesn't matter on what route

Salem Taxi

Dispatch from 27 Congress Street

Have 4 taxis and 5 livery

Employs about 18 drivers

Cars are expensive, mechanics, parts, insurance

He works 8 hours and brings home \$65 clear

He believes that zones are too complicated

Flat rate is clear

Salem not big enough for zones

12 minutes across Salem on good day

15-20 minutes with traffic

Would support an increase in Salem flat fare of \$5.50

Seniors would be \$4.00 flat rate

Phoenix Livery Service

Has 7 Livery

Employs 15 Drivers

Dispatches from 142 Canal St

Price of fuel is up

End of night drivers have almost no money

They use the flat rate of \$4.50 no matter how long
Seniors are \$3.50
Trying to get Taxi plates so can use meters
C. Pinto questioned the contracted services rate of \$4.50

C. McCarthy asked whether livery could charge more

Phoenix said they don't charge more because they won't get fares if they do

C. Ronan asked whether flat fee or meter
Phoenix doesn't use meters
Phoenix would charge \$5.50 flat fee and \$4.00 for seniors

C. Sosnowski questioned legality of Phoenix acting like a taxi
Wants a clarification from Officer Page
Phoenix said working with Officer Page for medallion

C. Pelletier said nothing illegal

C. Ronan said Phoenix not trying to cheat the public
Council needs to address liveries

C. Sosnowski said trying not to put anyone out of business
Wants to do what is legal

Witch City
Have 4 Taxis and no liveries
Employs 8 drivers
Dispatches from 63 Jefferson Ave
Agrees with Tri City for meters
Customers ask where meters are
Livery can charged fares cheaper than taxis
Supports meter for mileage

Barry Neely
Father in law owned Frank's taxi in Beverly
His wife ran it
Wants good clean cut courteous drivers
Drivers pay for own gas
Make 50% on the trip
Doesn't mind multiple fares
Helps the drivers earn a living

C. Pelletier Motion to form subcommittee with C. Pelletier, C. Sosnowski, C. O'Keefe, Police Department and rep from each taxi cab company to review fares for cab companies and livery companies and make recommendation back to committee

Second C. Sosnowski

All in Favor None Opposed Voted

Order #155 Review of Boston Hot Dog Co. to make extended hours permanent Thurs, Fri, Sat, 7pm – 2am not to include Sundays

C. Sosnowski reports no complaints or problems

Motion C. Sosnowski

Second C. Sargent

All in Favor, None Opposed Voted

Order #60 Establish a Traffic and Parking Commission

Motion C. Pelletier to refer matter to COW

Second C. Sargent

All in Favor None Opposed Voted

Order #461 Accept donation of podium

Motion C. to officially accept the podium

Second C. Pelletier

All in Favor None Opposed Voted

Meeting date(s) and subject matter(s) and invitees may change due to unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather or illness. Please refer to the City's meeting calendar for official meeting postings.

Motion C. O'Keefe to adjourn.

All in favor None opposed Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM