

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An ordinance to amend Chapter 102, Article II and IIIA, of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances relative to vehicle for hire license fees and taxicab fares, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

April 26, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL DISTRICT

City-wide

SPONSORS

Councilmember LeVette Fuller

PURPOSE

This ordinance amends Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ordinance No. 151 of 2021 reduced the vehicle for hire license fee to \$37.00 per vehicle for a period of 1 year, from November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022. This ordinance further reduces the fee to \$35.00 per vehicle permanently. In addition, this ordinance increases taxicab fares, raising the first mile or fraction thereof from a maximum of \$4.00 to a maximum of \$5.00. This ordinance also adds new rates for special events (\$15.00 or the metered fare, whichever is greater) and airport transportation (\$20.00 or the metered fare, whichever is greater).

TIMETABLE

Introduction: April 26, 2022
Final Passage: May 10, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

None

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

NA

FINANCES

NA

SOURCE OF FUNDS

NA

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Councilmember LeVette Fuller recommends that the City Council adopt this ordinance.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: Danielle A. Farr Ewing,
Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE II AND IIIA, OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO VEHICLE FOR HIRE LICENSE FEES AND TAXICAB FARES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: LEVETTE FULLER

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 102, Article II and IIIA of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. – LICENSING OF VEHICLES FOR HIRE

Sec. 102-43. Fees.

The fee for a vehicle for hire license issued by the city for taxi, limousine, luxury vehicle and shuttle businesses shall be \$35.00 per vehicle, per year. All fees shall be payable to the city through the Shreveport Police Department. All licenses shall expire 12 months from issue and must be renewed by the city in order to remain in force.

ARTICLE IIIA – OPERATING REGULATIONS

Sec. 102-83. Taxicab fares.

- (a) *Metered rates.* The metered taxicab rates for taxicabs operating in the city shall be as listed herein. Rates shall not be adjusted more than once in a 365-day period and only with the approval of the city council.
- (1) For the first mile or fraction thereof, a maximum of \$5.00.

(e) *Rates for special events.*

- (1) For transporting passengers to or from any place or point within the city to or from, Shreveport Municipal Auditorium, Strand Theatre Corporation, Hirsch Memorial Coliseum, Independence Stadium, or the fair grounds to attend regularly scheduled sporting events and/or concerts, taxicabs may charge the special event fare, which shall be \$15.00 or the metered fare, whichever is greater. The meter shall be in operation to determine the greater fare.

- (2) The special event fare, when authorized, may be charged for trips to and from the special event site, beginning two hours before and until two hours after the special event.
- (f) Rates for airport transportation.
- (1) For transporting passengers to or from any place or point within the city to or from Shreveport Regional Airport, taxicabs may charge the airport transportation fare, which shall be \$20.00 or the metered fare, whichever is greater. The meter shall be in operation to determine the greater fare.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office