

16 April 2025



Licensing and Support Services Manager
Redditch Borough Council
C/o Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way,
Kidderminster,
DY11 7WF

Dear Sir,

Re: **Variation of the table of fares for Hackney Carriages -
Public Notice on page 30 in the Redditch Advertiser 16 April 2025.**

I'm writing to object to the table of fares shown.

I am not objecting to any change (increase or decrease) to the fares charged.

Like in previous years I'm strongly objecting to the use of yards and miles.

I've explained previously the legislation about the use of imperial units (miles, and yards)
only applies to Highway traffic signage – on roads,

And if you didn't know the DfT Highways Manual uses only metric units.

The taxi tariffs/fares should ONLY be in metric units, (metres and kilometres).

A colleague described the advertised table as a 'dog's breakfast type of document'.

I enclose again, a document showing the taxi fares for Oxford City which is much easier to understand and only uses metric units. However, it's obvious that the values are just conversions, for example: 53.6 m = 1/3 mile; 1608 m = 1 mile; 6432 m = 4 miles.

I also enclose a copy of the taxi tariff for WORCESTER CITY which unfortunately shows imperial equivalents.

***** Surely RBC / WRS officers are capable of producing a simple table showing the equivalent METRIC ONLY fares, for example:**

Cost (£) per km,

Cost (£) per 250 m,

plus, other suitable values like for 5 km.

And please make the values sensible integers - no conversions producing decimal places!

Kindly ensure all members of the RBC Taxi Committee are given copies of this correspondence.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Footnote: a very interesting bit of history:-

In 1904, 333 MPs were in favour of fully adopting the metric system for all official purposes.

<https://metricviews.uk/2024/02/23/house-of-lords-votes-in-favour-of-full-adoption-of-the-metric-system/>



Oxford City Council
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Hackney Carriage taxi fares in Oxford city

We set fares for Hackney Carriage taxis within Oxford. Fares are charged by meter. Outside Oxford you should negotiate a fare or agree a tariff for the meter.

The driver must, unless he has reasonable excuse, accept any hiring within the Oxford city boundary if the destination is also within the Oxford city boundary. The fare for such a journey, shown below, will be calculated by the taxi meter.

The driver does not have to accept journeys that end outside the Oxford city boundary; the fare or rate of fare must be by agreement between the hirer and driver before the journey commences. The fare is likely to be higher than within the City as drivers cannot accept a return hiring. Where no such agreement exists then the scale of charges applicable to journeys within the City shown below will apply.

Maximum fares set by us for licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles operative from 22 February 2024 can be found below:

General tariffs

- £0.20 for each passenger above one
- £0.10 for each item of baggage carried outside the passenger compartment
- £1.00 for each adult bicycle
- £50.00 charge for cleaning the inside of a vehicle when soiled

Tariff 1 - Day rates

Tariff 1 applies 6am to 10pm from Monday to Friday and 6am to 6pm on Saturday

- £2.80 for the first 53.6 metres (or part thereof)

- £0.10 for each subsequent 47.3 metres or part thereof until 1009 metres
- £0.10 for each subsequent 80.4 metres or part thereof until 6432 metres
- £0.10 or each subsequent 48.7 metres or part thereof
- £0.10 for every 18 seconds of waiting time or part thereof £20 per hour
- £1.00 for each trunk carried

Tariff 2 - Night and bank holiday rates

Tariff 2 applies 10pm to 2am from Monday to Friday and Sunday, 6pm to 2am on Saturday, all public holidays (except Tariff 3).

- £3.00 for the first 48 metres (or part thereof)
- £0.10 for each subsequent 46 metres or part thereof until 2208 metres
- £0.10 for each subsequent 80.5 metres or part thereof until 6432 metres
- £0.10 for each subsequent 48.7 metres of part thereof
- £0.10 for every 18 seconds of waiting time or part thereof £20 per hour
- £1.00 for each trunk carried

Tariff 3

Tariff 3 applies 2am to 6am daily, from 8pm on 24 December to 6am on 27 December and from 8pm on 31 December to 6am on 2 January

- £3.00 for the first 64.3 metres or part thereof
- £0.15 for each subsequent 64.3 metres or part thereof until 1608 metres
- £0.15 for each subsequent 80.4 metres or part thereof until 6432 metres
- £0.15 for each subsequent 73.1 metres or part thereof
- £0.10 for every 12 seconds of waiting time or part thereof £20 per hour
- £1.50 for each trunk carried

Additional Charges

- £0.30 for each passenger in excess of one
- £0.10 for each article of baggage carried **outside the passenger compartment of the cab**
- £2.00 for each pedal cycle carried
- £0.10 for each wheeled vehicle carried (except mobility impaired persons vehicle)

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF MAY 2022

TARIFF ONE	
7am to midnight, Monday to Saturday	
For the first 1208m or part thereof	£4.30
Each subsequent 67m or uncompleted part thereof after 1208m up to 1610m (1 mile)	10p
FOR THE FIRST MILE, EQUIVALENT TO:	£5.00
Then 10p for each subsequent 80.5m or part thereof.	10p
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT MILE EQUIVALENT TO:	£2.00
Waiting time - for each period of 30 seconds or uncompleted part thereof:	10p

TARIFF TWO	
Midnight to 7am, Monday to Saturday All day Sunday & Bank Holidays 6pm – Midnight Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve All day Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day	
For the first 1208m or part thereof	£5.50
Each subsequent 57.4m or uncompleted part thereof after 1208m up to 1610m (1 mile)	10p
FOR THE FIRST MILE, EQUIVALENT TO:	£6.30
Then 10p for each subsequent 57.5m or part thereof.	10p
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT MILE, EQUIVALENT TO:	£2.80
Waiting time - for each period of 30 seconds or uncompleted part thereof	10p

EXTRA CHARGES		
PASSENGERS	For each passenger in excess of three	50p each
SOILAGE	If this vehicle or seating is soiled by any passenger or animal which then requires cleaning, the proprietor may make a charge. It must be made clear to the passenger at the end of the journey that there will be a charge of:	£75.00

The meter must be used for all journeys which start and finish within the City of Worcester and no more than the fare displayed on the meter at the end of the journey may be charged.

In case of compliment or complaint please contact: