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Dear Sir,

RE: Proposed Fees for Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Driver Licences.

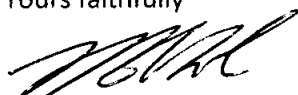
I wish to object to the proposed Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licence fees, based on the fact that I do not believe that what you are proposing is legal.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allowed these licences to be issued for a period of three years, unless a Council wished to set a shorter period. Chesterfield has up to now licensed for one year at a time, which it is perfectly entitled to do. The Deregulation Act 2015 now forces Councils to issue three year licences with the proviso that, exceptionally, an individual driver can be treated differently. So from 1st October this year Chesterfield Borough Council will be issuing three year licences. So far, so good.

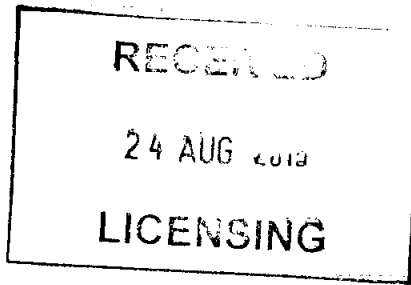
The 1976 Act allows a council to charge a fee which recovers the cost of issue and administration of the licence, and Chesterfield charges £79.00 per year. What you are now proposing is a £199.00 fee to cover three years.

The issue of a one year licence currently involves your staff checking a driver's paperwork and DVLA licence, and possibly processing a DBS disclosure and a medical. I don't see that the cost of issuing a three year licence is going to be that dramatically different, and therefore the fee should be roughly the same. You say in your notice that a fee of £60.00 is payable for years two and three, paid up front in year one. You need to provide information on exactly what that £60.00 is intended to cover otherwise I believe that your 252% increase is illegal.

Yours faithfully



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DEAR SIR/MADAM

Regarding proposed changes to current badge and operator licence fees.

I object to the proposes because they are unaffordable especially operator licence.

What was wrong with the old system anyway. I renewed my operator licence last week and there was no notices up in the revenues hall no word from licencing staff about proposed changes. Every operator should have been given a copy of the letter which was published in the derbyshire times as not everyone buys the paper. I would not have seen it myself if it was not pointed it out to me by a friend. I will be 66 years old next year and I hope to retire before the age of 71. Would I get a refund for the lost years I am only a one man small business like many others £623 in one go come on be realistic

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