

Trevor Durham

From:
Sent: 03 February 2023 20:
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: Taxi Fees

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Hi, to whom it may concern,

I can't actually believe licencing are planning on increasing the fees. I'm sorry but it's absolutely ridiculous to even think of doing this. The taxi trade has really decreased since the last couple of years. The cost of living is extortionate at the moment. So many of us drivers are struggling to manage with everything and they're thinking to increase the fees. Even the current fees are above expensive at the moment and so difficult to afford. I believe the council are taking advantage of us taxi drivers in very harsh conditions and it's not fair at all. The council makes thousands and thousands off us taxi drivers on the fees already and they now want to make even more, it's pure greed and unacceptable I must say. Personally, I normally adapt to changes but this is not right and I have to say something. I object to this price increase as it's tough times and the council should be helping us if anything rather than causing us drivers more mental stress and pressure than we already have. If you decide to increase the fees then you will force many drivers to find other jobs because it will get to the point of us drivers not being able to afford all these proposed increases you have displayed. I hope this email reaches you and you make the right decision.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

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From:
Sent: 01 February 2023 11:37
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: Re: Review of Licence Fees 2023/2024

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Hi there hope you're doing well

I am just concerned about this increase the price, I get it as everything goes up but we the drivers are getting affected because the fuel prices goes up and the renewal price goes up again but the taxi price is not going up so I don't know if there's other solution you have.

Thanks

Kind regards Nahom

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Thu, 26 Jan 2023 at 9:29, Chesterfield Licensing
<Chesterfield.Licensing@Chesterfield.gov.uk> wrote:

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Renewal	£228 + £15 DVLA check
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From:
Sent: 29 January 2023 19:33
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: Proposed licensing fees

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Kind regards,

Aamir Saddique

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From:
Sent: 28 January 2023 11:51
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: FW: RE: Review of Licence Fees 2023/2024

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I would like to express my dissatisfaction with CBC in increasing the costs to drivers by such a large amount knowing that we are recovering from a pandemic and now are in a recession I would like the people responsible for the revision explain in full by way of a meeting with the Hackney & Private Hire drivers to show that the revision of costs are justified

Please could I get a reply ASAP

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From:
Sent: 27 January 2023 11:47
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: RE: Review of Licence Fees

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Thank you for your email in regards to increase in charges.

Unfortunately I disagree with the increase in the charges, this is due to the following reasons

1. Neighbouring council charges are well below £280.00 for a yearly plate
2. Hackney carriage are capped at a cut off point.
3. In the past 3 years since beginning of pandemic we have not seen a increase in fares, were as Hackney Carriages have been given a fare increase.
4. Our costs are the same as Hackney Carriage licensing fees on vehicles, and we are earning less than them.
5. Even in the current situation and market the industry is not brilliant and subsequently our earnings are greatly reduced.

Taking the above information into account I strongly appose the increase in fee's.

Also speaking to numerous colleagues in the industry, they are feeling the same as myself with regards to the increase but are not able to oppose the increase as they don't want to be named. If at all possible would it be possible to allow people to anonymously object.

Thank you for your help and assistance in dealing with this delicate matter.

Trevor Durham

From:
Sent: 27 January 2023 10:59
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: regarding increasing badge fees

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I believe council is not helping in the Difficult Situation us taxi drivers are right now After the last 2 years prices increase I don't know Why council need to increase prices again It is all taxi driver's being hit with the most expenses for example fuel price Insurance price in Obviously the renewal Increases for the vehicles renewals Where's the clearly operators are not increasing fare at the rate of other things are increasing. I object the increasing of price As it is difficult time for us And Council should be helping us Rather than putting more pressure on us with these increases.

Sent from my Galaxy

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From:
Sent: 27 January 2023 10:54
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: Re: Review of Licence Fees 2023/2024

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Good morning licensing team,

Thank you for your email in regards to increase in charges.

Unfortunately I disagree with the increase in the charges, this is due to the following reasons

1. Neighbouring council charges are well below £280.00 for a yearly plate (ours are over £350.00)
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Look forward to hearing from yourselves in regards to the above matter.

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Rahan Ghani

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From:
Sent: 26 January 2023 15:13
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Subject: Price increase

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I'm sending this email just in protest to the price increase on everything again! And for what as it isn't like most of them incur any overheads apart from paper or emails, the level of service we get is so poor even when we phone licencing nobody EVER! answers, its always answerphone, why not get rid of the woman who meets you at the door with her ipad asks your details then tells you to take a seat, what a totally pointless job and it would save money, also I booked my taxi test online for end of March and had to pay £175 up front and it isn't for 2 months yet its totally discusting I'm not rockafella I'm a taxi driver living week to week that money could have been better spent until nearer the time discusted, clive eggleston.

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From:
Sent: 26 January 2023 14:25
To: Chesterfield Licensing
Subject: Charge increase

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How can you justify an increase on prices? We don't get any better service and nothing extra for our money. we can't get any extra for ourservice other than to stop outlonger to keep paying the council. Ridiculous charges that they make. I think you will find you are going to upset a lot more drivers

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From:
Sent: 26 January 2023 14:10
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Subject: License fees

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Dear licensing

In response to your email about increased licensing fees. As I understand suppliers are increasing their costs and certain items are costing more I can understand the price increase on those items.

But as for other things such as badge renewals and vehicle test renewals these are surely admin based so I cant really see how it can be warranted to increase these as much as they have been.

I do think that if you are wishing to increase these charges there needs to be more value for money shown in some of the services that are offered for the price we are paying.

For instance making more vehicle test dates available as at the moment we have to book well in advance to make sure we get a test date.

Also making telephone and desk enquiries easier by extending opening hours and making more people available to answer. Most of the time when we call we have to leave a message to be called back as no one answers.

The industry is already struggling with increased costs on fuel, consumables and the general cost of living, I do believe that if things carry on there will be more drivers leaving the profession and less wanting to join as costs spiral out of control.

If you wish to discuss please feel free to give me a call.

Regards

Daniel stone
Everyday travel

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Also the extortionate price they charge for the same mat you can acquire at any other garage at a fraction of the price is beyond me

On Thu, 26 Jan 2023, 10:32 colin bradfield, <col4519@gmail.com> wrote:

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Replacement Badge Card	£4
Replacement Card Holder	£4
Lanyard	£1

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This is outrage how can u offer this when we are already struggling with the cost of living if anything its expensive as it is instead of helping u are increasing the price how are you expecting new driver to apply with these prices let alone a driver renewing I disapprove of this offer as are many other driver's we all are not happy with this going forward hopefully you will be hearing from them aswell as you have from me