

Petition for Taxi Meter Fare Increase

To: Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Licensing Authority

From: Hackney Carriage Taxi Drivers of Tonbridge and Malling Borough.

Date: 01/02/2025

Subject: Request for Review and Increase of Taxi Meter Fares

We, the undersigned Hackney Carriage taxi drivers of Tonbridge and Malling Borough, respectfully submit this petition to request an urgent review and adjustment of the current taxi meter fare rates.

Reason for Petition:

The cost of operating a taxi has significantly increased due to factors beyond our control, including but not limited to:

- Rising fuel prices
- Increased vehicle purchase prices
- Higher vehicle maintenance costs
- Increased insurance premiums
- Inflation affecting daily living expenses
- Compliance with new regulations and licensing fees

Despite these growing expenses, the current fare structure has remained unchanged since 2022, making it increasingly difficult for taxi drivers to maintain a sustainable livelihood. This situation not only affects our income but also impacts the quality of service we can provide to our passengers.

Our Request:

We kindly request Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, as the licensing authority, to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of the current taxi fare structure.
2. Implement a reasonable increase in meter fares that reflects the rising operational costs.
3. Establish a periodic fare review mechanism to prevent future discrepancies.

#	Name	License type	License number	Comment	Date
1		Hackney	164		2025-02-01
2		Hackney	311		2025-02-01
3		Hackney	164		2025-02-01
4		Hackney	3506		2025-02-01
5		Hackney	300	Rising operating costs	2025-02-01
6		Hackney	890		2025-02-01
7		Hackney	38	I'm signing because has an hackney carriage driver in tonbridge and malling I'm finding it harder to maintain my taxi and earn a livable wage due to the increased cost of living crisis we all face.	2025-02-01

8		Dual Driver	34		2025-02-01
9		Hackney carriage Driver	328		2025-02-01
10		Hackney Carriage	1516		2025-02-01
11		Dual	3001	Rising costs of taxi business and living.Current policy of TMBC doesn't protect us against rising number of stakeholders.In that many HC drivers we wait more for a job than work.Our petition to reduce number of HC licences was rejected last year and we struggle.Our cost is to pay the tax and towards holiday as welll but the Council doesn't care about us	2025-02-01

12		Dual badge hackney and private hire	284	The cost of living day by day going up the rent Insurance price of the car cost of living in every direction therefore I really appreciate for you to look at the situation for every drivers and pay rise for Taxi Driver thank you very much. We are passing through difficult time as a family. Please put it in consideration raise our money change our metres please thank you.	2025-02-01
13		Hackney	602	We need a fare increase due to rise of operating cost and living costs thanks	2025-02-01
14		Hackney carriage	20	Request to increase taxi fares	2025-02-01
15		Hackney	H148	Cost of living	2025-02-01
16		Dual	385		2025-02-01
17		Hackney carriage	444		2025-02-01

18		Private hire	676	Soon i willl do hackney	2025-02-01
19		Hackney carriage	104		2025-02-01
20		Hackney	33	Nilesh jasvantrai	2025-02-01
21		Hackney carriage	200		2025-02-01
22		Hackney carriage	1558		2025-02-01
23		Dual	64		2025-02-01
24		Hackney	84		2025-02-01
25		Dual	235		2025-02-01

26		Duel	1790		2025-02-02
27		Hackney	743		2025-02-02
28		Hackney	165		2025-02-02
29		Hackney Carriage	1108		2025-02-03
30		Hackney	3064		2025-02-03
31		Dual	1136		2025-02-03
32		Hackney	364		2025-02-03
33		Hackney	2052		2025-02-03
34		Dual	410	The expense gone up last few years, with current fares drivers are struggling to keep up with the bills.	2025-02-03

35		Hackney	8		2025-02-03
36		Hackney carriage	71	Everything is more expensive.	2025-02-03
37		Hackney	879	I am signing this petition for the increase in fare charge. As you know inflation has risen with time and it is getting hard for us to survive. Please help us in considering an increase in fare price.thanks	2025-02-03
38		Dual driver	3063		2025-02-03
39		Hackney Carriage	489	Cost of living and cost to replace/renew vehicle have made it impossible to continue as it is.	2025-02-03
40		Dual	825		2025-02-03
41		Havkney	367		2025-02-03
42		Hackney carriage	344		2025-02-04
43		Dual Driver	255		2025-02-07

44		Dual drivers	391	Increasing the price	2025-02-07
45		Hackney	48		2025-02-07
46		Hackney	87		2025-02-13
47		Dual	215		2025-02-13
48		Hackney	48	I feel I should	2025-02-13
49		Duel driver	1781		2025-02-14
50		Dual	711		2025-02-14
51		Hackney	809		2025-02-15
52		Dual	564	6EX7	2025-02-17
54		Dual	1725	I feel if an increase in licensing fees is annual then it is only appropriate that a fare tariff increase is due	2025-02-17
55		Dual	2072		2025-02-17

56		Dual	3012	2025-02-17
57		Private Hire	1918	2025-02-17
58		Dual	474	2025-02-17
59		Dual	3013	2025-02-17
60		Hackney Carriage	91	2025-02-17
61		Private Hire	778	2025-02-17
62		Dual	3051	2025-02-17
63		Dual	271	2025-02-17
64		Dual	358	2025-02-17
65		Dual	1846	2025-02-17
66		Dual	1781	2025-02-17