Surcharge Emergency Rulemaking

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the $1 surcharge apply to DFHV-sponsored programs (i.e. Transport DC, Education First, MyRides etc)?
   
   Answer: No. It does not apply to DFHV sponsored transportation programs.

2. Does the $1 surcharge apply to electric vehicle (EV) taxis? If yes, why does it also apply to EVs?
   
   Answer: Yes. It is administratively complex to leave out the EVs.

3. Do drivers keep the $1 surcharge?
   
   Answer: Yes. Drivers pocket the surcharge to offset fuel costs.

4. How do I should I enter the $1 surcharge into my meter?
   
   Answer: If you are a taxi driver, please contact your DTS provider to learn what, if anything, you need to do to implement this new change. The following questions and answers are intended for managers of the six approved companies that are DTS providers.

   Transco Inc – 202-398-0526
   Yellow Cab – 202-544-1214
   VIP Cab – 202-269-9000
   UVC Cab – 202-269-1100
   Grand Cab – 202-269-6990
   Democracy Cab – 202-488-4844
5. How long does this emergency rulemaking last?

   Answer: The emergency rulemaking went into effect on March 16, 2022, and has been extended until November 11, 2022. DFHV will continue to monitor gas prices and may adjust the rulemaking making accordingly.

6. What is the procedure when the emergency rulemaking ends?

   Answer: When the emergency rulemaking ends, DFHV will communicate with all DTS providers, who shall remove the surcharge from all meters within 24 hours.

Technical FAQs for DTS Providers

1. I am a DTS provider. How do I report the surcharge information through the Event Hub API?

   Answer: DTS providers shall report the sum of both surcharges in the SurchargeAmount field when submitting each trip. For instance, instead of submitting .25, submit 1.25, which is the sum of the existing surcharge and the new fuel surcharge.

2. How does DFHV expect DTS provider to implement this new surcharge?

   Answer: DTS providers shall preprogram the fuel surcharge into their meters so that taxi drivers do not add the surcharge manually.

3. Should the fuel surcharge appear as a separate line item on the customer’s receipt?

   Answer: Yes, DTS providers shall list the fuel surcharge as a separate line item on customers’ receipts.