



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of For-Hire Vehicles

Fare Adjustment Rulemaking

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Does this mean rates have already increased?

A: No, the purpose of the rulemaking is to solicit public comments on the proposed rates. Taxi rates remain as are until the rulemaking is finalized and adopted.

Q. When was the current fare structure adopted?

A: The existing fare structure was adopted in 2012.

Q: How would the rates change once the proposed rules are adopted?

A: Proposed changes are listed below

- The minimum fare or flag drop rate will be increased **from \$3.25 to \$4.00.**
- The general distance rate will be increased **from \$2.16 per mile to \$2.56 per mile.**
- The passenger surcharge will be increased **from \$0.25 to \$0.50 per trip.**

Q. Why is the agency proposing to increase the fares?

A: DFHV is proposing a modest increase in taxicab fares. This is aimed at bolstering drivers' economic sustainability, improving service quality, fostering fair competition, and highlighting the District's dedication to a reliable and efficient for-hire transportation system.

Q. Should I submit a comment even if I support the proposed changes?

A: Yes. We strongly encourage all stakeholders, regardless of their stance on the proposed changes, to actively participate by submitting their comments to the agency. This commitment to engagement ensures both transparency and accountability in the regulatory process. Your insights are invaluable, as they can highlight areas for improvement, potential unintended consequences, and overall feedback on the proposals. Your input can help us refine and adapt the rules to better serve the needs of drivers, passengers, and the broader community.

Q. Who should submit a comment? We invite all stakeholders including passengers, drivers, companies, and others to participate in the rulemaking process by submitting their comments on the proposed rules to the agency. Active stakeholder engagement demonstrates the

importance of a robust, inclusive decision-making process, strengthening public trust and ensuring that the final rules are fair and beneficial to all stakeholders.