ORDINANCE NO. 1911

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING SECTION 5.54.100 OF THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FARE RATES FOR TAXICABS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

By a unanimous vote on June 3, 1980, the City Council placed this ordinance on second reading and adoption. It establishes the Council policy of not holding public hearings for future taxicab rate increases and to accept the rates as approved by the City of San Diego and other jurisdictional agencies within the County. The ordinance further stipulates the manner in which the rate schedule is administered and displayed in the cabs.

Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista.

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The City Council of the City of Chula Vista does ordain as follows:

SECTION I: That Section 5.54.100 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.54.100 Fare rates.

From and after May 6, 1980, upon which date the City Council concluded a public hearing, and established maximum rates of fare for the hire of taxicabs within the City of Chula Vista, the following rules shall apply for the establishment of rates of fare:

- A. Each certified operator shall file with the City Clerk the rate of fare that said operator shall charge for taxicab service. Each such certified operator shall set the taximeter for the rate said operator will charge, and prominently post rates on each side of the taxicab in block letters of not less than one inch in height and in a location where rates can be easily read by prospective passengers.
- B. If a certified operator desires to change the rate of fare on file in the office of the City Clerk, said operator shall file with the City Clerk the new rates, reset the meter, and post the revised rates on each side of the taxicab as provided hereinabove.
- It shall be unlawful for a certified operator to operate any taxicab in the City of Chula Vista unless the vehicle is equipped with a taximeter designed to calculate fare upon the basis of a combination of mileage traveled and time elapsed. When operative with respect to fare indication, the fare-indicating mechanism shall be actuated by the mileage mechanism whenever the vehicle is in motion at such a speed that the rate of mileage revenue equals or exceeds the time rate, and may be actuated by the time mechanism whenever the vehicle speed is less than this and when the vehicle is not in motion. Means shall be provided for the vehicle operator to render the time mechanism either operative or inoperative with respect to the fare-indicating mechanism. Waiting time shall include all time when a taxicab occupied or engaged by a passenger is not in motion or is traveling at a speed which is slow enough for the time rate to exceed the mileage rate; waiting time will also include the time consumed while standing at the direction of the passenger or person who has engaged such taxicab. It shall be the duty of

every permit holder operating a taxicab to keep such taximeter in such proper condition so that said taximeter will, at all times, correctly and accurately indicate the charge for the distance traveled and waiting time. The taximeter shall be at all times subject to inspection by an inspector of the City Manager, or any peace officer, and such inspector or peace officer is hereby authorized at his instance or upon complaint of any person to investigate or cause to be investigated such taximeter, and upon discovery of any inaccuracy in said taximeter, or if the taximeter is unsealed, to remove or cause to be removed the vehicle equipped with such taximeter from the streets of the City of Chula Vista until the taximeter shall have been correctly adjusted and sealed; before being returned to service.

- D. It shall be unlawful for any driver of a taxicab while carrying passengers to display the flag or device attached to the taximeter in such a position as to denote that the vehicle is for hire, or is not employed, or to have the flag or other attached device in such a position as to prevent the taximeter from operating and it shall be unlawful for any driver to throw the flag into a position which causes the taximeter to record when the vehicle is not actually employed, or to fail to throw the flag or other device into a nonrecording position at the termination of each and every service.
- E. The taximeter shall be so placed in the taxicab that the reading dial showing the amount of fare to be charged shall be well lighted and readily discernible by the passenger riding in such taxicab.
- F. It shall be unlawful for any certified operator and/or driver of a taxicab to demand of a passenger a charge for hire greater than the current maximum rate approved by the City Council or the rate which said certified operator shall have on file with the City Clerk.
- G. There shall be displayed in the passenger compartment of each taxicab, well lighted and readily discernible by the passenger, in a container of type and design approved by the Chief of Police, a card showing the operator's rates to be charged for hire of the vehicle.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on the thirty-first day from and after its adoption.

Presented and Approved as to form by

George D. Lindberg, City Attorney

Leon Smollery

FIRST READ AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, HELD <u>May 27</u> , 19 <u>80</u> , AND
FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELDJune 3
19 <u>80</u> , BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE, TO-WIT:
AYES: Councilmen: Scott, Gillow, Cox, Hyde, McCandliss
NAYES: Councilmen : None
ABSTAIN: Councilmen : None
ABSENT: Councilmen: None
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Mayor of the City of Chula Vista
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City Clerk
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)ss.
CITY OF CHULA VISTA)
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I, JENNIE M. FULASZ, CMC, CITY CLERK of the City of Chula Vista, California,
OO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of
ORDINANCE NO. $\frac{1911}{}$ and that the same has not been amended or repealed.
DATED
(seal) City Clerk