

City Council Approves Taxicab Rate Bump

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Patrons of taxicabs in Kodiak will soon be paying more for their rides, after the Kodiak City Council approved a tariff increase last night (Thursday).

The increase includes paying a dollar more at the flag drop, from the current price of \$3.85 up to \$4.85. There will also be a 50 cent increase in the per mile rate, from \$2.50 right now to \$3. Councilman Jack Maker broke down the extra cost he’d pay from the center of town to his house.

(Cab Increase 1 :11s “…which is about 1.2 miles.”)

But Maker said the rate increase is warranted considering the skyrocketing cost of gasoline. He added that prices are going up in every industry.

(Cab Increase 2 :18s “…get by here in Kodiak.”)

Councilman Tom Walters chimed in that taxicab permit holders and drivers have more than just fuel expenses to worry about.

(Cab Increase 3 :14s “…use to make a living.”)

The rate increase, which was requested by local drivers, will go into effect at the beginning of August.

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