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SUBJECT:Amendments to Administrative Order 39 and By-law T-108,
Respecting the Regulation of Taxis

Supplementary Report

<u>ORIGIN</u>

Subsequent to the August 8, 2012 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, staff is recommending additional amendments to the original recommendations set out in the staff report dated July 13, 2012 (attached as Appendix A of the Transportation Standing Committee Report dated September 13, 2012). These additional amendments are relative to the taxi rate increase and extension of the zone hours.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council amend the recommendation of the Transportation Standing Committee dated September 13, 2012, to read as follows:

- 1. Repeal and replace Administrative Order #39, as set out in Appendix A and amend Administrative Order #15, as set out in Appendix B, including:
 - i) Rate increases as outlined in the July 13, 2012 staff report, with an amendment to the drop rate, increasing it from \$3.09 to \$3.10;
 - ii) Extension of the current open zones to Thursday 12:00 a.m.(midnight) to Friday 5:00 a.m.; Friday 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to Saturday 5:00 a.m.; and Saturday

12:00 a.m. (midnight) to Sunday 5:00 a.m; and any Sunday night 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to Monday 5:00 a.m. of a long weekend created by a statutory or declared local holiday in effect on the Monday; and

- iii) Addressing housekeeping and general amendments, as outlined in Appendix F of the July 13, 2012 staff report.
- 2. Enact By-law T-1000 Respecting the Regulation of Taxis & Limousines which will repeal and replace By-law T-108, as set out in Appendix B of the July 13, 2012 staff report, and includes housekeeping and general amendments.

BACKGROUND

The staff report dated July 13, 2012 was presented at the August 8, 2012 Transportation Standing Committee meeting. The Standing Committee discussed each item set out in the recommendations on an individual basis. The following amendments were approved:

- A blended rate increase of a 8.9% which included an increase to the drop rate from \$3.00 to \$3.09;
- Extension of the current open zones to Thursday 11:00 p.m. to Friday 6:00 a.m.; Friday 11:00 p.m. to Saturday 6:00 a.m.; and Saturday 11:00 p.m. to Sunday 6:00 a.m.; and
- Housekeeping and general amendments.

During the discussions regarding the extension of the zones, the Committee requested an additional breakdown of Halifax Regional Police (HRP) calls for service, specifically from the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 6: a.m. As a result, HRP reviewed statistics for those assaults occurring between the 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in the downtown core.

DISCUSSION

Rate Increase

Following the August 8, 2012 Transportation Standing Committee meeting, a recommendation came forward to staff suggesting the drop rate of \$3.09 be amended to \$3.10. The Government of Canada is recommending via its guidelines, that transactions should be rounded to the nearest five-cent increment in a fair and transparent manner based on the effect of the penny being removed from circulation. It is noted that additional fare increases are dealt with in the original staff report dated July 13, 2012.

Extension of Open Zones

Following the August 8, 2012 Transportation Standing Committee meeting, a detailed review of the assault data for 2011 was completed. As a result, staff is recommending the open zone extension should be between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 5:00 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday night, and any Sunday night of a long weekend created by a statutory or declared local holiday in effect on the Monday, to assist in transporting citizens out of the downtown core when the majority of the assaults are occurring.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

See the Budget Implications' section of the July 13, 2012 staff report (Appendix A of the Transportation Standing Committee Report dated September 13, 2012).

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

See the Community Engagement section of the July 13, 2012 staff report (Appendix A of the Transportation Standing Committee Report dated September 13, 2012).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

See the Environmental Implications' section of the July 13, 2012 staff report (Appendix A of the Transportation Standing Committee Report dated September 13, 2012).

ALTERNATIVES

See the Alternatives' section of the July 13, 2012 staff report (Appendix A of the Transportation Standing Committee Report dated September 13, 2012).

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Administrative Order #39 Appendix B: Administrative Order #15 A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY-NINE

RESPECTING TAXI AND LIMOUSINE REGULATION

BE IT RESOLVED as a policy of the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality pursuant to Section 305 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* and Section 26 of the *Municipal Government Act* as follows:

1.0 SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Administrative Order may be cited as Administrative Order Number Thirty-Nine, the Taxi and Limousine Regulation Administrative Order.

2.0 **REGULAR FARES**

2.1 Subject to section 3, the fares that may be charged by taxi drivers, accessible taxi drivers and limousine drivers within the Municipality are set out in Schedule 1.

3.0 SPECIAL AIRPORT AND PORT FARES

- 3.1 Despite section 2, a taxi driver or accessible taxi driver;
 - (a) transporting cruise ship passengers from the cruise ship compound at the Halifax Port Corporation property to the destinations outlined in Schedule 2 to this Administrative Order may charge the fares set out in that Schedule; and
 - (b) transporting passengers to or from the Halifax International Airport to and from the destinations outlined in Schedule 3 may charge the fares set out in that Schedule.

4.0 TAXI ROOF LIGHT, VEHICLE MARKING REQUIREMENTS & DESIGN

- 4.1 No vehicle may be operated as a taxi or accessible taxi unless it is equipped with a taxi roof light affixed on the top of the vehicle that;
 - (a) meets the design requirements set out in Schedule 4;
 - (b) is affixed on the top of the vehicle as near as possible to the centre of the roof, and positioned so the front of the roof light is facing the front of the vehicle and is

clearly visible from all sides of the vehicle;

- (c) is equipped with one or more number 1156 clear bulbs, or with a fluorescent bulb or LED light that emits an equivalent amount of light as a 1156; and
- (d) bears the business name under which the vehicle is being operated in the location and manner set out in Schedule 4 for the zone for which the taxi owner's license has been issued.
- 4.2 The bulb or light required by subsection 4.1(c) must be mounted in the interior of the sign and;
 - (a) must be illuminated when the vehicle is being operated as a taxi or accessible taxi for hire but is not carrying passengers or parcels; or
 - (b) must be turned off when the taxi is transporting passengers or parcels.
- 4.3 Despite section 4.1 an accessible taxi may be operated without a roof light affixed on the top of the taxi vehicle, if it has markings on both sides of the vehicle showing the business name under which it is being operated and the taxi license number; and
- 4.4 A high sided vehicles such as a van, crossover vehicle or sport utility vehicle may in addition to a roof sign, display markings on both sides of the vehicle showing the business name under which it is being operated and the taxi license number.

5.0 VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All taxis, limousines and accessible taxis must comply with the standards set out in Schedule 5.

6.0 ZONES

6.1 The Municipality is divided into the following three zones for the licensing of taxis:

(a) the County Zone, being the area of the Halifax Regional Municipality that is not within either the Dartmouth zone or the Halifax zone.

(b) the Dartmouth Zone, being the geographical area of the former City of Dartmouth

(c) the Halifax Zone, being the geographical area of the former City of Halifax and the areas also known as Harrietsfield, Sambro, Ketch Harbour and Portuguese Cove.

7.0 LIMITS ON NUMBER OF TAXI OWNER LICENSES

7.1 The number of taxi owner licenses, inclusive of conditional owner licenses, for each zone in force at any time in the Municipality is;

- (a) in the Halifax Zone, 610 licenses;
- (b) in the Dartmouth Zone, 200 licenses; and
- (c) in the County Zone, 190 licenses.

8.0 APPLICANT FOR A NEW TAXI OWNER LICENSE

- 8.1 The applicant for a taxi owner's license must be the holder, in good standing, of a taxi driver's license issued by the Municipality.
- 8.2 An applicant who receives an offer of a taxi owner's license must complete all of the requirements for licensing a vehicle as a taxi under By-Law T-1000 within 30 days of the date of the offer.
- 8.3 If an applicant for a taxi owner's license who holds a taxi owner's license in any zone in the Municipality in his or her name or in the name of a corporation in which the applicant is a shareholder receives an offer of a new owner license, the applicant must surrender the current license within 30 days of the date of the offer.
- 8.4 A permanent owner's license may be issued only to an applicant who has successfully completed the National Standards Certification for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers.
- 8.5 If an applicant, at the time of being offered a taxi owner's license, has not successfully completed the National Standards Certification for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers, the applicant may only be issued a conditional taxi owners license.
- 8.6 A conditional taxi owner's license expires on the first anniversary of its date of issue unless, before its expiry, the holder of the conditional license successfully completes the National Standards Certification for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers and converts to a permanent owner's license.
- 8.7 A conditional owner's license is not renewable.
- 8.8 Sections 8.1 8.6 apply only to the issuance of a taxi owner's license to an applicant from the waiting list and not to taxi owner's license renewals.

9.0 WAITING LIST

- 9.1 The waiting lists for taxi owners licenses, if any, of applicants prepared for each zone under sections 77, 78 and 78A of By-law Number T-108 of the Municipality, as those sections read immediately before the repeal of By-law Number T-108, are continued in force.
- 9.2 If there are no names on a waiting list for a zone, the list must be closed but the Licensing Authority must re-open it or establish a new list whenever the number of applications for taxi owner licenses for the zone exceeds the number of licenses available in the zone.
- 9.3 If the Licensing Authority receives an application for a taxi owner's license for a zone that cannot be issued because the prescribed number of licenses for that zone have already been

issued, the Licensing Authority shall add the applicant's name to the end of the current waiting list, in order of the date and time of receipt of the application and must process the names in order of seniority as they appear on the list as the number of licenses in the zone to which the application relates drops below the prescribed number of licenses for that zone.

- 9.4 Whenever a new taxi owner license can be issued because the number of licenses in force in a zone has fallen below the number prescribed for the zone, the applicants on the waiting list shall be offered the first opportunity to obtain a license in order of their seniority on the list, and the Licensing Authority shall notify the applicant forthwith by registered mail addressed to the mailing address of the driver maintained by the Licensing Authority that the applicant is being offered a license.
- 9.5 An applicant's name must be removed from the waiting list.
 - (a) Upon the issuance of an owner's license to the applicant; or
 - (b) if the applicant fails to license a vehicle as a taxi within 30 days of the delivery of the notice of an offer of an owner's license.
- 9.6 The procedure set out in sections 9.4 and 9.5, must be repeated until the numbers of owners licenses, including conditional owner's licenses, in force in a zone, is equal to the number of licenses prescribed for the zone or until no names remain on the waiting list, whichever occurs first.
- 9.7 The name of an applicant must be removed from a waiting list on the conclusion of any applicable appeal process if the applicant's driver's license is cancelled, revoked or otherwise lapses.
- 9.8 Nothing in section 9.5, 9.6 or 9.7 prevents a person who holds a driver's license from re-applying for a taxi owner's license and having his or her name added at the end of the waiting list, if any, for the zone to which the application relates.

10 Zone Exceptions

- 10.1 Pursuant to section 39.3 of By-law T-1000, a taxi driver may pick up and drop off passengers or parcels within a zone for which the taxi is not licensed when:
 - (a) the place of commencement and final destination of the passenger's journey in the taxi are in compliance with By-Law T-1000;
 - (b) at anytime in the seven-hour period between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on a Thursday and 5:00 a.m. on Friday;
 - (c) at anytime in the seven-hour period between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on a Friday and 5:00 a.m. on Saturday;
 - (d) at anytime in the seven-hour period between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on a Saturday and 5:00 a.m. on Sunday;

- (e) any Sunday night 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to Monday 5:00 a.m. of a long weekend created by a statutory or declared local holiday in effect on the Monday; and
- (f) at such other times, dates and places as are permitted by resolution of the council of the Municipality.

Administration Order # 39

Schedule 1

TAXI AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI RATE SCHEDULE

THREE DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS initial charge, up to 0 metres.

THIRTEEN CENTS each 79.3 metres.

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NINTY CENTY per hour waiting time (\$0.2159 per 30 Sec)

SEVENTY CENTS each additional passenger

HOURLY DRIVING RATES by arrangement between driver and passenger, without meter -THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS PER HOUR

BRIDGE TOLL – In addition to the regular taxi fare, a \$0.80 fee will be added to fares when a paying trip involves a bridge crossing for the carriage of passengers or parcels.

TEN CENTS - for each article, piece of luggage, parcel or bag of groceries handled or placed in the trunk by driver.

CHILDREN under ten shall be carried FREE when accompanied by an adult;

SPECIAL RATES by contract are permissible when such rates are provided for by contract between the taxi owner or taxi driver and the customer. When customer contact to obtain taxi service is initiated either by telephone, electronic transmission, the customer is entitled to the fare by meter rate, unless a special rate is agreed upon prior to the taxi departing for the customer pickup. When customer contact is initiated in person, the customer is entitled to the fare by meter rate unless a special rate is agreed upon prior to commencement of trip.

PROOF OF PAYMENT OR PARTIAL PAYMENT IN ADVANCE maybe requested by a taxi driver or owner, prior to transporting the passenger or passengers.

LIMOUSINE HOURLY RATE

SHALL BE WHAT EQUATES TO A MINIMUM HOURLY RATE OF SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS

(Rates Include HST)

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Schedule 2

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER TAXI AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI RATE PER VEHICLE

(Rates Include HST)

THE PER VEHICLE RATE FOR TRANSPORTING CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS FROM THE HALIFAX PORT CORPORATION PROPERTY SHALL BE WHAT EQUATES TO AN HOURLY RATE OF \$49.00

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Schedule 3

TAXI AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI RATES TO AND FROM AIRPORT

(Rates Include HST)

<u>Note</u>: If passengers are proceeding to more than one destination, drivers will not charge more than the approved rate for the first destination and the metered rate from the restarted meter for each of the succeeding destinations.

Note: If a destination is located where two zones are divided (by roads), the fare is the lesser of the two.

Destination	on Details		Zone	
Halifax	Peninsula commencing beyond Kearney Lake Rd off Bedford Hwy to Hwy 102 including Bayers Lake and St Margaret's Bay Rd to Rotary	\$57.75	14	
	South of the Armdale Rotary including up to corner of North West Arm Dr and Old Sambro Rd to and including William Lake Rd	\$65.35	16	
	South of William Lake from corner of Spry Av off Herring Cove Rd to corner of North West Arm Dr and Old Sambro Rd and including Leiblin Park and Thornhill	\$70.75	17	
	Ragged Lake	\$65.35	16	
Dartmouth	From Hwy 118 exit 13 including Burnside, Shannon Park, Portland & Pleasant, west of Prince Albert Rd, Banook Lake and Main St.	\$54.45	11	
Dartmouth (con't)	From Main St including up to Ross Rd and connecting to Cole Harbour Rd, West of Bisset Rd including Colby Village to Atholea Dr off Caldwell Rd	\$59.90	15	
	East of Portland & Pleasant up along Prince Albert Rd and Main St up to and including Bellmont Av off Pleasant St	\$59.90		

	Beyond Atholea Dr off Caldwell Rd	\$63.35	18
	Montegue Rd including Cherry Brook up to Lake Major Rd, including to Main St and Neilson Dr	\$54.45	11
Bedford	From Lakeview, including Dartmouth Rd to Meadowbrook Dr off Bedford Hwy	\$41.40	8
Bedford	From Meadowbrook Dr off of Bedford Hwy to and including Kearney Lake Rd to Hwy 102	\$49.00	10
Sackville	Up to corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr including Lucasville Rd until Hwy overpass and including Lakeview Rd crossing Cobequid Rd	\$41.40	8
	Ashburn Golf Club to Terry Rd off Windgate Dr including Windsor Junction Rd until it meets with Cobequid Rd	\$35.95	6
	Corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr to Lucasville Rd until Hwy overpass and #1459 Sackville Dr. (old Sackville Club)	\$52.30	5
	Beyond #1459 Sackville Dr. up to Lewis Lake	\$57.75	3
Airport & Aerotech	Airport Property, Hotels and nearby surrounding area	\$19.60	Property Trip
Beaver Bank	Including Sindha Dr and West of Terry Rd off Windgate Dr to corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr	\$52.30	5
	South of Pinehaven Rd including Kinsac Rd	\$57.75	3
Beaver Bank (con't)	From Kinsac Rd up to Beaverbank Villa	\$63.20	1
Bayside		\$96.95	
Beechville	Including Lakeside Industrial Park to corner of St Margaret's Bay Rd and Prospect Rd	\$65.35	16
Black Point		\$101.30	
Boutliers Point		\$88.20	
Brookside		\$80.60	
Chezzetcook	East	\$101.30	
	Head	\$101.30	
	West	\$98.00	
Cow Bay	Cow Bay Rd, corner of Bisset Rd to including	\$70.80	19

	corner of Dyke Rd near Dogwood Dr		
Dover	East	\$106.70	
	West	\$112.15	
Dutch Settlement		\$40.30	

Eastern Passage	Including Cow Bay Rd up to corner of Dyke Rd near Dogwood Dr	\$65.35	18
Elderbank		\$63.15	
Enfield		\$25.05	
Exhibition Park	Corner of St Margaret's Bay Rd and Prospect Rd including Mills Dr off Prospect Rd	\$65.35	16
Fall River	South of the corner of Lake Thomas and Holland Rd including Wilson Dr off Waverly Rd over to connection of Fall River Rd to Windsor Junction Rd	\$31.60	4
	Inn on the Lake to Wilsons Gas at the lights	\$31.60	4
Five Islands Lake		\$83.85	
French Village		\$87.15	
Goffs		\$19.60	
Glen Haven		\$83.85	
Glen Margaret		\$93.65	
Grand Lake		\$32.65	
Hackett's Cove		\$99.10	
Hammonds Plains	Hammonds Plains Rd and Kearney Lake Rd from Hwy 102 up to and including Pin Hi Golf Club (just beyond Lucasville Rd)	\$54.45	7
	Pockwock Road to End	\$65.35	
	Pockwock Road to Highway 103	\$65.35	
Harrietsfield		\$77.25	
Hatchett Lake		\$77.25	
Head of St. Margaret's		\$78.40	
Herring Cove		\$83.85	
Hubbards		\$105.65	
Hubley		\$83.85	
Indian Harbour		\$107.80	
Ingramport		\$87.15	
Jeddore	East	\$133.95	
	Head	\$124.15	

	West	\$129.60	
Ketch Harbour		\$88.20	
Kingswood		\$54.45	7
Lakeside	West of Raines Mill Rd off St Margaret's Bay Rd	\$70.80	13
Lakeview		\$41.40	
Lake Charlotte		\$129.60	
Lake Echo		\$74.05	
Lake Fletcher		\$33.75	
Lawrencetown	Beyond Ross Rd up to but not including Lyle Dr and from Bisset Rd including Raindbow Heaven to Corner of Cow Bay Rd	\$65.35	12
	West	\$74.05	
	Beach	\$81.70	
Lucasville	Commencing from Hwy 101 overpass on Lucasville Rd	\$54.45	7
Meaghers Grant		\$74.05	
Mineville		\$72.95	
Musquodoboit	Harbour	\$108.90	
	Middle	\$89.30	
	Upper	\$114.35	
Oakfield		\$28.30	
Oldham		\$23.95	
Peggy's Cove		\$115.45	
Porters Lake		\$86.00	
Portugese Cove		\$88.20	
Preston	North and East Preston including Lake Major Rd to east of Lower Partridge River Rd including Mineville Rd from Hwy 107 exit 18	\$65.35	12
Prospect		\$93.65	
Purcells Cove		\$75.15	
Queensland		\$105.65	
Sambro		\$90.40	

Seabright		\$87.15	
Shad Bay		\$79.50	
Sheet Harbour		\$220.00	
Ship Harbour		\$171.00	
Tantallon		\$77.30	
	Upper	\$71.87	
Terence Bay		\$98.10	
Timberlea	East of Cranberry Ln off St Margaret's Bay Rd	\$70.60	13
Waverley	Beyond Wilson Dr to corner of Windsor Junction Rd and Cobequid Rd including east of Rocky Lake Drive	\$35.95	6
Waverley	East of the corner of Waverley Rd and Rocky Lake Rd to Mount Portobello	\$41.35	9
Wellington	Corner of Lake Thomas Dr and Holland Rd up to Laurie Park	\$34.85	2
Whites Lake		\$86.05	
Windsor Junction	Ashburn Golf Club to Terry Rd off Windgate Dr including Windsor Junction Rd until it meets with Cobequid Rd	\$35.95	6

Schedule 4, Taxi Roof Light, Vehicle Markings Requirement & Design

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Schedule 1 - Ta	xi Roof Light Sp	ecifications
Dar	TMOUTH ZONE	
Front/Rear View	Roof Light	Size - 568mm long Colour - Yellow Placement - Secured to centre of roof of cab with suction cups or magnets
O O O Taxi Company Name Plate	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
<u>Side View</u>	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm Plate Color - Yellow Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Red Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
	Dlumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or flourescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

Со	UNTY ZONE	
		Size - 568mm long
Front/Rear View	Roof Light	Colour - White Placement - Secured to centre of roof of cab with suction cups or magnets
		Text - Cab Number
0.00		Font - Arial
Taxi Company Name Plate	Cab Number	Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm
		Letter Color - Blue
		Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
		Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm
		Plate Color - White
Side View		Text - Company Name
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Font - Arial
		Letter Size - 47 mm high
		Letter Color - Green
		Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
. Affine	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or flourescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

H	HALIFAX ZONE	
		Size - 425mm long
Front/Rear View	Roof Light	Colour - White Placement - Secured to centre of roof of cab with suction cups or magnets
		Text - Cab Number
		Font - Arial
Tati Congeny Name Pole	Cab Number	Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm
Matha Plats		Letter Color - Bhe
Tech Cooperation		Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light - top
		Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm
		Plate Color - White
		Text - Company Name
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Font - Arial
Side View		Letter Size - 47 mm high
	1	Letter Color - Red
		Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
		Text - HFX
		Font - Arial
	Zone	Letter Size - 50mm
		Letter Color - Blue
		Placement - Both Sides of Roof Light - Bottom
	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or flourescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

Administrative Order 39

SCHEDULE 5 VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 1 A taxi, accessible taxi or limousine must be maintained to the following requirements:
 - (a) be equipped with an engine of at least four cylinders;
 - (b) pass inspection by an authorized official of the Licensing Authority;
 - (c) bear a valid, non-rejected, Province of Nova Scotia motor vehicle safety sticker and matching certificate, which is not more then 12 months old;
 - (d) be insured in the amounts and with the coverage required by By-law T-1000;
 - (e) have a height from the top of the floor to the underneath side of the roof of at least 45 inches;
 - (f) have a width from the inside of one door post to the inside of the door post
 - on the opposite side of at least 54 inches;
 - (g) have a length from the dashboard, excluding extremities, to the front of the back seat of at least 63 inches;
 - (h) have first class repairs with no visible body fillers, rust, primer paint, accidental damage or similar defects and the interior passenger and trunk area must be maintained in a clean and orderly condition;
 - (i) have a wheelbase measurement of at least 105 inches;
 - (j) have a maximum seating capacity of eight passengers excluding the driver; and
 - (k) have matching wheel covers or designer rims on all 4 wheels, winter rims are permitted between October 15th to April 30th, must be kept clean and rust free.
- (1) A taxi must have a minimum of four passenger doors (excluding any rear hatches) and may be a sedan, station wagon, sport utility vehicle (SUV), cross over vehicle or mini-van.
 - (2) Despite section 1, a smaller fuel efficient vehicle, may be used as a taxi if
 - (a) the performance standard for the vehicle fuel consumption is 7.8 litres of fuel per 100 kilometres or less
 - (b) the vehicle meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) (b) (c) (d) (h) and (j);
 - (c) the vehicle has a width from the inside of one door post to the inside of the door post on the opposite side of at least 51 inches; and
 - (d) the vehicle has a wheelbase measurement from the centre of the front wheel to the centre of the rear wheel of at least 101 inches.
- 3 An accessible taxi must provide ease of entry to or egress from the vehicle in a safe and dignified manner by means of an on-board lift or ramp, and conforms with all sections of Canadian Standard Association D409-02: Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with Physical Disabilities;

- 4. (1) A limousines must be a full sized luxury class sedan or full sized luxury class sport utility vehicle (SUV) vehicle and must have;
 - (a) a minimum of four passenger doors (excluding any rear hatches);
 - (b) standard seating capacity for at least four passengers and a maximum seating capacity of eight passengers excluding the driver;
 - (c) a leather or other superior quality upholstered interior; and
 - (d) a minimum of four of the following features:
 - (i) glass partition separating the front and rear seats;
 - (ii) top quality interior appointments, being either leather or other plush upholstery;
 - (iii) power windows;
 - (iv) one-way tinted glass;
 - (v) television;
 - (vi) stereo system;
 - (vii) cellular telephone;
 - (viii) air conditioning;
- 4. (2) Only vehicles of the following makes may be used as limousines:
 - (i) Cadillac;
 - (ii) Lincoln;
 - (iii) Rolls Royce;
 - (iv) Jaguar;
 - (v) Mercedes-Benz;
 - (vi) Bentley;
 - (vii) Royal Princess.
- 4. (3) Despite section 4.(2), a vehicle that the Licensing Authority determines to be of comparable limousine quality and interior to vehicles of the makes listed in that subsection may be used as a limousine.

Appendix B

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER FIFTEEN

RESPECTING TAXI AND LIMOUSINE REGULATIONS

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989 that By-Law T-108, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines be amended as follows:

1. Section 5 of Schedule "A" to Administrative Order No. 15 is repealed and substituted with the following:

(5) The fees pursuant to By-law T-1000, the Taxi, Accessible Taxi and limousine By-law are as follows:

(a) The annual fee for an owner's licence is \$50.00, or for a partial term shall be the licence fee prorated on a monthly basis.

(b) The owner's renewal fee is \$50.00, or for a partial term shall be the licence fee prorated on a monthly basis.

(c) The permanent driver's licence fee is \$100.00 for a two year term or for a partial term shall be the licence fee prorated on a monthly basis.

(d) The driver application fee is \$50.00 which includes a 12 month license if the applicant successfully passes the testing requirements.

(e) The fee to change or replace a destroyed, lost or stolen licence is \$10.00.

(f) The fee for a taxi, limousine, or accessible taxi bumper sticker is \$1.00.

(g) The fee for each semi annual Hotel Standard vehicle inspection is \$17.50.

Done and passed on this

day of

, 2012.

Mayor

I, Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk for the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted by-law was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on , 2012.

Cathy Mellet, Municipal Clerk