Taxicab Use of E-Hail Applications for Fares
Proposed Municipal Code Amendments (highlighted)

5.20.210- Rates—Designated—Meter required when.

The price or rates of fares which drivers of motor taxicabs shall charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows:

A. The initial drop shall be one dollar, and shall cover the cost of the first one-eighth of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two minutes of waiting time, or a combination of both. Each one-eighth of a mile thereafter, or fraction thereof, shall be at the rate of twenty-five cents.
B. Each hackney carriage shall be equipped with a meter which shall be of a size and design approved by the License Commission.
C. All owners of hackney cariages shall be allowed sixty days from the time a change in rates is mandated to change the taximeter to reflect the new rates.
D. Any taxi driver may, with the advance permission of the rider, choose to use a platform-based e-hail application in lieu of using the meter for any ride.

5.20.230 - Rates—Special fares.

A. The License Commission may by regulation establish:
    1. Group fares for two or more unassociated persons;
    2. Flat rates to Logan Airport and outlying suburbs;
    3. A surcharge when a station wagon is specifically requested;
    4. A discounted fare when a Cambridge cab, by prearrangement or by telephone call, transports a passenger from Logan Airport to Cambridge;
    5. A flat hourly rate above that set by Section 5.20.250 for a touring cab specifically certified as such by the License Commission.
    6. Relevant flex fares to be paid via an e-hail application for agreed upon services.

5.20.280 - Taximeter—Required.

Every motor vehicle licensed as a hackney carriage by the City shall have affixed thereto a standard taximeter of a size and design approved by the License Commission. Every motor vehicle so licensed as a hackney carriage with a taximeter attached for measuring the distance traveled shall be known as a "taxicab," and no taxicab shall operate without a taximeter available. Any taxicab using an e-hail application for a ride shall not at the same time use the taximeter.