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Permitted SJC Taxicab Operators
City of San Jose

Dear Taxicab Operators:

The City of San Jose wishes to express its support of adjusting the minimum cab fare from \$15 for the first 3 miles to \$15 for the first mile. Per SJMC 6.64.250, the Department of Transportation and Police Department have the authority to regulate taxicab rates and charges.

Taxicab rates were last adjusted in 2009. CPI data show an increase of 150% between October 2009 (CPI of 694.944) and June 2023 (CPI of 1,045.427). Over that same period, fuel prices have increased from \$3.062/gal in California on average to \$4.823/gal, a 58% increase. In comparison to other local Airports, SJC's fees are low:

Airport	\$ for First 3 Miles
SJC	\$15.00
SFO	\$18.75
OAK	Meter rate only with no minimum fare

Additional input from the taxicab operators indicates that short (≤ 3 mile) trips are no longer profitable. Because Airport Ground Transportation Rules and Regulations require taxicabs to accept all fares regardless of travel distance, there is a risk that operators will elect to discontinue service at the Airport rather than lose money on short fares.

The City believes it is in the best interest of Airport customers to maintain taxicab service at SJC and agrees with the operators that sufficient data and justification exist to warrant a rate adjustment.

Sincerely,



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