

**Minutes of the MAY 11, 2023 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.
Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:09 p.m. by Chairperson
Marnie MacAlpine**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Marnie MacAlpine, Emily Cherniack, Mike McAteer. **Absent** Alexandria Christmas.

ALSO, PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM: Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, Captain David Betz.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Commissioner MacAlpine asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2023, Cherniack motioned to adopt, McAteer seconded, and vote unanimous.

CLERKS UPDATE/ NEW BUSINESS: Naomi Libran, Licensing Administrator

1. Informed the commission that Pineda Restaurant has served their suspension, and there were no issues or problems with the Liquor Consumption License being suspended, at Pineda Restaurant Corp, DBA Rincon Latino at 373 Washington Ave. Chelsea, MA. Captain Betz has also assured the commission that they did in fact obey the suspension and there were no issues.
2. The Licensing Administrator advised the committee of the surrounding area's taxicab fare rates. Chelsea rates have not increased since July 1, 2005. Ms. Libran gave us Chelsea's current rate, and the current rate of surrounding areas. (Exact rates came with the agenda).

Commissioner MacAlpine opened to consider a Public hearing on a Proposal to Increasing Taxi Cab Fare Rates in the city of Chelsea.

Jose Ventura was there to represent one of the taxi companies, Ventura Taxi. Mr. Ventura was very passionate regarding raising the fares. He explained that the "Gypsy" cabs are stealing their clientele from two busy areas for taxis, Market Basket and the Square.

Captain Betz suggested that when a "Gypsy" taxi is spotted, please take a picture and send it to the police dept. they can run the plate.

Blue Taxi, Company's owner Hugo Artica and his daughter, Mercily wrote the proposal to raise the fares. Henry Monsalve, owner of C&M taxi has also signed the petition. Chelsea needs to at least be on par with Everett and Malden as they have the same demographic.

The Licensing Department has been collecting data stating that the initial fare and the subsequent mile charge, is not enough. The price of gas is up, Cost of living is up: Starting fare is \$1.60, then .45 Cents and a .50 cent fuel charge also a \$24.00 hourly wait time, these fees have not been reviewed since 2005. After little discussion, all agree that the fares must be increased:

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The increases are as follows:
Increase from \$1.60 to \$2.60 for the First .8th mile
Increase from \$0.45 to \$0.60 for any additional .8th mile
The fuel charge of \$.50 will stay as such
Also, the \$24.00 Prorated hourly waiting time, will stay the same as well.

Cherniack made motion to approve, M. McAteer seconded. Motion approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 PM NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2023

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H. Cherniack

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