

Subject: 2021 TAXI LICENCE FEES - OPTION 1
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THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL,
GENERAL COMMITTEE,
CITY OF MISSISSAUGA.

While the taxi industry has not been officially shut down by Queen's Park during the pandemic, nevertheless, the movement of people - our primary source of business - has been significantly curtailed, exacerbated by an understandable reluctance to access vehicles for hire due to physical distancing issues. In short, the overall level of business during 2020 was substantially reduced from that experienced in 2019.

Given the decline in business is the principal rationale for determining the percentage decrease in 2021 business licence fees, then it follows taxi owner and driver licence fees clearly qualify for the maximum discount outlined in Option 1.

While arguing in favour of a fee reduction to zero for cabbies in general, it goes without saying, for those owners whose plates have been on the shelf from January to December of 2020, and which continue to remain inactive, renewal fees should definitely be eliminated for 2021. After all, similar to body rub parlours, adult entertainment centres, and driving schools, the holders of inactive plates earned nothing. Clearly, when it comes to the generation of revenue, there is no distinction between a commercial enterprise shuttered by the provincial government and one rendered inactive due to a lack of business.

Based on the degree to which members of the taxi industry and their families have suffered during Covid, considerable in the least, the City would be fully justified in eliminating licence fees on a one-time basis for the City's cabbies

Thank you.

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