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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 214-2003

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, respecting flat rates for taxicab rides.

WHEREAS Section 150 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, grants local municipalities the authority to license, regulate and govern any business wholly or partly carried on within the municipality for purposes of consumer protection; and

WHEREAS Subsection 81(3) of the *City of Toronto Act, 1997 (No. 2)* grants the Toronto Licensing Commission the authority to license, regulate and govern taxicab brokers; and

WHEREAS Section 155 of the *Act* grants local municipalities the authority to establish rates or fares charged by owners and drivers of taxicabs; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has deemed it desirable for the protection of consumers within the municipality to allow certain flat rate arrangements to be made for rides in taxicabs to ensure that consumers are not subjected to arbitrary rates for taxicab service that not subject to the provisions of Chapter 545 of the Toronto Municipal Code;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Chapter 545, Licensing, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code is amended by adding the following:

§ 545-129.1 Flat Rates.

A taxicab broker may enter into flat rate arrangements with charge account customers, provided that the taxicab broker shall not pay any taxicab driver who services a flat rate any less or significantly more than the meter rate for that call.

2. Subsection 545-150E of Chapter 545 is further amended by adding the following:
 - (4.1) Where a taxicab brokerage has entered into a flat rate arrangement in accordance with § 545-129.1 of this chapter, the driver who services the call shall place and maintain in operation the taximeter in the taxicab that he or she is driving, and the rate or fare to be charged to the customer for the trip shall be the flat rate.

- 3.** Subsection 545-150A of Chapter 545 is amended by deleting the phrase “E(3) and (4)” and substituting the phrase “E(3), (4) and (4.1)”.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 16th day of April, A.D. 2003.

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