CITY OF TORONTO
BY-LAW No. 523-2003

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, respecting taximeters.

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 health and safety, consumer protection and/or nuisance control; and

WHEREAS taxicabs are currently required to be equipped with a taximeter with an automatic receipt dispenser; and

WHEREAS taxicab passengers consistently refuse the automatically printed receipts and request written receipts; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has therefore deemed it desirable for the protection of consumers in the municipality to enact a by-law removing the requirement that taximeters have an automatic receipt dispenser, but ensuring passengers are entitled to the information that would appear on an automatic receipt;

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 deleting §§ 545-135A(10), 545-135C(f) and 545-136H(1)(d)[6].

2. Chapter 545 is further amended by adding the following subsection:

§ 545-136H(1)(e)[8]

Provides a receipt noting the date and time of the trip, the distance travelled, the taxicab licence number and the fare charged.

3. Chapter 545 is further amended by deleting § 545-151L(2) and replacing it with the following:

§ 545-151L(2)

Despite Subsection L(1) of this section, every owner and driver shall at the conclusion of each trip give each passenger a receipt stating the date, the time of the commencement and conclusion of the trip, the distance travelled, the plate number of the taxicab, the total fare charged and the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division taxicab customer service telephone number.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 26th day of June, A.D. 2003.

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