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The Executive Director of Licensing and Standards is currently reviewing Taxi Licensing Fees as part of her review of all Municipal Licensing Fees.

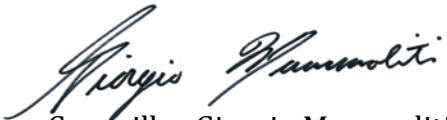
Licensing fees are based on a Cost Recovery Basis and it is my opinion that the Taxi Industry has long been overcharged and overpaying.

As you know, the Taxi Industry is in an unfair position of having to pay exorbitant costs while other services that provide the exact same service get a free ride, which puts the Legal Taxi Industry at risk.

This review is expected to be completed mid-2016 and I anticipate that licensing fees for Taxis will be reduced dramatically.

Therefore, I am requesting that the Licensing & Standards Committee recommend to City Council that all Taxi renewal fees be suspended pending the completion of the fee review. This will offer "true relief" to those paying the fees early in the New Year and will reduce the amount needed to be refunded under the new fee structure.

Sincerely



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