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April 1, 2021

Ronald Blount
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via Email Only, blount86@aol.com

Re: Docket No. P-21-03-01 *Petition of Ronald Blount for a Taxicab Rate Change*

Dear Mr. Ronald Blount:

Attached please find the Order of the Authority adopted and entered on March 30, 2021 and listed on Docket No. 21-003 in connection with the the above referenced matter. Appeals of this Order may be filed with the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia pursuant to 53 Pa.C.S. § 5705 (d) which provides:

A person aggrieved by an order of the authority entered pursuant to this chapter may appeal the order to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County. All such appeals shall be governed by 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to judicial review) and Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Sincerely,

Christine A. Kirlin, Esq.
Director
Taxicab and Limousine Division

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THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

In Re: Petition for Changes to Taxicab
Tariff

: Docket No. 21-003
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ORDER

PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY
TAXI AND LIMO DEPT

BY THE AUTHORITY:

The Authority is the sole regulator of all taxicab, limousine and transportation network company services in Philadelphia.¹ The Authority is empowered to conduct rate investigations and determine the uniform rate that shall be charged by all taxicabs authorized to provide call or demand service in Philadelphia.²

On March 8, 2021, a Petition was filed with the Taxicab and Limousine Division (“TLD”) by certified taxicab driver Ronald Blount requesting to reopen a rate investigation to implement a flexible rate through an upfront pricing scheme to offer to passengers outside of the taxicab tariff and meter.³ Petitioner is also requesting that interim emergency relief be granted to immediately implement an upfront flexible fare.⁴

Based upon review of all information received and recommendation of TLD staff, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of the Authority as follows:

Section 1. Rate Review Investigation

- (a) The TLD is authorized to reopen a rate investigation concerning the request outlined in the Petition concerning upfront flex pricing;
- (b) All rates as outlined in the current taxicab tariff shall remain unchanged until further investigation is conducted by the TLD and as the Authority may so order.

¹ See the act of July 16, 2004, (P.L. 758, No. 94), 53 Pa.C.S. §§5701 *et seq.*, as amended, (the “act”)

² See 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 5703 and 5720 (relating to rates, wages).

³ See 53 Pa.C.S. § 57B02 (c)(12) (relating to taxicab rates and rate change procedures for both meters and digital platforms).

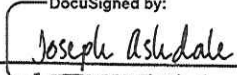
⁴ See 52 Pa. Code § 1003.11 (relating to petitions for the issuance of emergency orders); *see also* 53 Pa.C.S. § 5703 (f) (relating to temporary rates).

Section 2. Action by Taxicab and Limousine Division.

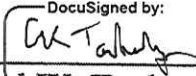
- (a) The TLD shall seek written comment from the public and all interested members of the taxicab, limousine and TNC industries concerning the proposed taxicab rate change; and
- (b) The TLD staff shall broadcast notice seeking written comments by email to all industry members as well as posting it on the Authority's website and within TLD Headquarters along with depositing notice with the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for publishing.

**THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING
AUTHORITY**

Certified:

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 Joseph T. Ashdale
 Chairman
 (SEAL)

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 Alfred W. Taubenberger
 Vice-Chairman/Secretary
 (SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: March 30, 2021
 ORDER ENTERED: March 30, 2021