

Before the Philadelphia Parking Authority

Taxicab and Limousine Division

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PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY
TAXICAB DIVISION

Re: Petition for Change in Rates Pursuant
To 53 Pa. C.S. § 5703

P-25-03-01

PETITION FOR RATE CHANGE

I the petitioner, Muhammad Aslam Chughtai as a certified PPA-TLD taxicab driver and under the authority granted in 52 Pa. Code § 1005.21, hereby request a Change in Rates pursuant to 53 Pa. C.S. § 5703 and avers as follows:

1. Petitioner is a certified PPA-TLD taxicab driver under license number H-105197
2. Petitioner request that the minimum fare originating from the Airport be increased from \$12.00 to \$15.00 which includes the \$1.50 egress fee.
3. Petitioner request that the mileage and waiting time increments be increased from \$0.25 to \$0.30.
4. Pursuant to 53 Pa. C.S. § 5703, Petitioner further request that the Authority implement interim emergency relief as Petitioner has outlined in the "Petition For Interim Emergency Relief" Form. (see attached)
 - a. On November 4, 2016, the Governor signed Act 164, since then, taxicab drivers have lost over 50% of their income.
 - b. The Authority is aware of the declining number of taxicab medallions in voluntary suspension, Petitioner estimates that over 1000 taxi medallions are incapacitated.
 - c. The number of active certified taxicab drivers have decreased from 5,000 in 2014 to about 600 today.
 - d. Over 10,000 TNC vehicles are now actively working in Philadelphia, grabbing the lion-share of revenues.
5. Petitioner request the proposed rate change go into effect immediately upon the approval of this Petition and that it will apply to all taxicabs pursuant to 53 Pa. C.S. § 5720(b).
6. Pursuant to 53 Pa. C.S. § 5703, this Petition will help taxicab drivers achieve a fair return for their labor and expenses, will be non-discriminatory to any person, just and reasonable, and conforms with the Authority's statutes and regulations.
7. Granting this Petition will alleviate the harm incurred by taxi drivers by

permitting them to recover some of the lost revenues.

Petitioner request that the Authority grant this Petition to help stabilize the declining income of taxicab drivers and to ensure that taxicab medallion owners can receive a fair leasing fee for their medallions. Petitioner states that the above request will not harm the public and will be able to prove if deem necessary.

Respectfully submitted;

X *M. Aslam Chughtai*
Muhammad Aslam Chughtai

VERIFICATION

I, Muhammad Aslam Chughtai, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signature: X *M. Aslam Chughtai* 03/27/2025

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Muhammad Aslam Chughtai hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1001.52.

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