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3 **ORDINANCE NO. 19145**

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5 AN ORDINANCE introduced by Deputy Mayor Jeff Preisner, amending City of
6 Topeka Code § 154-121, as amended by Ordinance No. 19115,
7 concerning rates of fare offered by taxicabs in the City of Topeka
8 and specifically repealing said original section.
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10 WHEREAS, on June 24, 2008, the City Council adopted City of Topeka
11 Ordinance No. 19115 which increased the rate of fare for taxicabs; and

12 WHEREAS, because the meter rates must be divisible by sixths, it is necessary
13 to revise the taxi meter rate to eliminate meter readings with a fraction of a cent.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
15 TOPEKA, KANSAS:

16 Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 19115 of the City of Topeka,
17 Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 **Rates of fare.**

19 (a) The maximum rates of fare of taxicabs for conveying persons with the
20 usual hand baggage shall be as follows:

21 (1) For the first one-sixth mile or fraction thereof . . . \$2.50

22 (2) For each succeeding one-sixth mile or fraction thereof . . . ~~2.00~~0.35

23 (3) For each minute of waiting time . . . 0.30

24 (4) For each person age 12 or over riding with passenger, per trip . . . 0.25

25 Plus any charges that the metropolitan airport authority, its successors or
26 assigns, may charge to the cab company as a loading, unloading or trip charge, or any
27 other charges that may be assessed, may be charged to the passenger on such trip and
28 shall be in addition to the above rates; provided, that no additional charge shall be made

29 for the conveyance of more than one passenger. When the charge is made for waiting
30 time, no charge shall be made for stops occasioned by the driver or by reason of any
31 defective or improper working conditions of the taxicab nor shall a charge be made
32 because of premature arrival upon a call. All charges in this section are to be based
33 upon the most direct route.

34 (b) The owner, driver or other person in charge or control of a taxicab may
35 upon request of passengers accept employment whereby the fare to be asked may be
36 computed by an hourly rental. When a taxicab is so employed, the maximum fare to be
37 charged shall not exceed \$18.00 per hour. This rate shall not be effective unless
38 employment by the hour is arranged for in advance of the trip.

39 (c) A fuel surcharge shall be added to the total fare. The surcharge shall
40 depend on the average price of regular, unleaded gasoline in Topeka as determined by
41 AAA of Kansas. If the average cost of regular, unleaded gasoline is three dollars (\$3.00)
42 or more per gallon, but less than four dollars (\$4.00), a surcharge of one dollar (\$1.00)
43 shall be added, per trip.

44 The surcharge shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per trip when the
45 average price of regular, unleaded gasoline is four dollars (\$4.00) or more per gallon.

46 Section 2. That original section 154-121 of The Code of the City of Topeka,
47 Kansas, as amended by Ordinance No. 19115 is hereby specifically repealed.

48 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from October 1,
49 2008, and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council August 19, 2008.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk