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ORDINANCE NO.

[Synchronizing the cycle for the Controller's biennial review of taxi fares and the gate cap with the City's budget cycle.]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Police Code by amending Section 1137, to synchronize the cycle for the Controller's biennial review of taxi fares and the gate cap with the City's budget cycle.

Note:

Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman</u>; deletions are <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman</u>. Board amendment additions are <u>double underlined</u>. Board amendment deletions are <del>strikethrough normal</del>.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco: Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by amending Section 1137, to read as follows:

## SEC. 1137. REVIEW OF RATES OF FARE AND CAP ON GATE FEES.

The rates provided in Sections 1135 and 1136 of this Article and the cap on gate fees provided in Section 1135.1 of this Article shall be reviewed by the Controller in <u>odd-even-</u>numbered years, beginning with <u>2009</u> <del>2004</del>. Not later than <u>April August</u> 1st of each <u>odd-even-</u>numbered year, the Controller shall transmit to the Board of Supervisors a determination as to increases or decreases in the rates of fare for taxicabs and an increase or decrease in the cap on gate fees based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index since the prior determination, and related information submitted to the Controller pursuant to Section 1095(b) of this Article. *The Controller's August 1, 2004 determination as to increases or decreases in the rates of fare for taxicabs and an increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index since January 1, 2003, and related information submitted to the Controller <i>pursuant to Section 1095(b) of this Article. In addition, the The* Controller's <u>April August 1, 2004</u> determination in the rates of fare for taxicabs and as to an increase or decreases or decreases in the cap on gate fees shall be based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index since January 1, 2003, and related information submitted to the Controller pursuant to Section 1095(b) of this Article. In addition, the <u>The</u> Controller's <u>April August 1, 2004</u> determination of the rates of fare for taxicabs and as to an increase or decrease in the cap on gate fees shall be based upon changes in the

Supervisor Elsbernd BOARD OF SUPERVISORS in accordance with the procedure provided for in Section 1137.5 of this Article, that appropriate sums are collected to offset <u>any</u> the increased monthly cost of paratransit scrip incurred by the paratransit program, except if the voters of the City and County of San Francisco have reauthorized a new sales tax to fund transportation.

The Controller's determination as to increases or decreases in the rates of fare for taxicabs and an increase or decrease in the cap on gate fees shall take effect on <u>July</u> *November* 1 of the <u>odd-</u> <u>even-</u>numbered year in which the Controller makes the determination, and shall remain in effect through <u>June 30</u> <u>Oetober 31</u> of the next <u>odd-</u> <u>even-</u>numbered year, unless the following events occur: (i) By <u>May September</u> 1 of the <u>odd-</u> <u>even-</u>numbered year in which the Controller makes the determination the Board of Supervisors by resolution determines that the Board, or a committee thereof, should hold a hearing on the Controller's determination; (ii) by <u>June Oetober</u> 1 of that year a hearing is held in accordance with the aforementioned resolution; and (iii) by <u>June 30</u> <u>Oetober 31</u> of that year the Board adopts a resolution disapproving or modifying the Controller's determination. Any resolution modifying the Controller's determination shall be based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index, costs recently incurred and expected to be incurred by drivers and color scheme permitholders, projected income of drivers and projected revenues of color scheme permitholders, and local economic conditions. If all three events occur, the Controller's determination shall not go into effect on <u>July November</u> 1 of that year.

The Controller's determination as to increases or decreases in the rates of fare for taxicabs and an increase or decrease in the cap on gate fees shall, beginning January 1, 2006, treat the higher mean gate fee cap of \$91.50, provided for in Section 1135.1(b), as if it were \$90.00 when instituted, and treat the higher meter rate of \$2.85 for the first fifth of a mile or "flag," as provided for in Section 1135(a), as if it were \$2.75 when instituted. In addition, the Controller's determination as to increases or

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In cases where the holder of more than one permit to operate a sedan, limousine or taxicab fails to render a financial report within the time prescribed and in such form as the Controller may request, for the purpose of reviewing the rates of fare for taxicabs and the cap on gate fees and making a determination as to increases or decreases in the rates of fare for taxicabs and an increase or decrease in the cap on gate fees, such failure shall be a basis for cancellation of such permits by the Taxi Commission, provided such cancellation is approved by the Board of Supervisors.

No recommendations for a paratransit passthrough shall become effective without separate authorization.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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January 23, 2007 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval Excused: 1 - Jew

January 30, 2007 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin Excused: 2 - Jew, Sandoval File No. 061527

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on January 30, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Glora L. Young Clerk of the Board Aayor Gavin Newsom

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Date Approved