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On 2018 October 15, City Council approved amendments to the Livery Transport Bylaw 6M2007 and the Chief Livery Inspector will establish and implement an Accessible Taxi Incentive Program (ATIP) on January 01, 2019. Over the last few weeks LTS has received a number of questions regarding the program and in response has put together a brief summary for industry.

ATIP Summary

- Effective January 01, 2019 a \$0.10 'per-trip' fee must be added to the fare of all trips provided by taxis, accessible taxis and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs).
- The 'per-trip' fee is a regulatory charge that will fund the Accessible Taxi Incentive Program. ATIP operates by providing incentives to Accessible Taxi Plate Licence (ATPL) holders and accessible drivers who provide quality accessible taxi service. The 'per-trip' fee will be set at a rate to ensure ATIP is successful and will be reviewed annually. The Chief Livery Inspector will provide notice of any changes to the per-trip fee.
- For taxi and accessible taxi trips, \$0.10 will automatically be added to the meter drop rate.
- To be clear, the regulatory charge is to be paid by the customer and collected by the driver. The Livery Transport Bylaw requires the brokerage to remit all regulatory charges collected by any affiliated drivers to The City of Calgary. The Livery Transport Bylaw does not require that drivers fund the Accessible Taxi Incentive Program.
- The City of Calgary will invoice brokerages monthly to collect the regulatory charge for all trips taken by all affiliated drivers.
- A brokerage may be eligible to receive a rebate to reduce the administrative costs associated with collecting the regulatory charge from drivers and remitting these amounts to The City of Calgary. However, a brokerage who attempts to charge a driver for the cost of collecting and remitting the regulatory fee to The City of Calgary may not be eligible to receive a rebate. Again, the Livery Transport Bylaw does not require that drivers fund the Accessible Taxi Incentive Program.
- In July 2019, eligible ATPL holders, who qualify, will receive a \$1500 grant. In July 2020, eligible ATPL holders, who qualify, will receive the annual \$1500 grant and will also be eligible to receive up to \$1500 in incentives annually.
- Beginning January 2020, eligible accessible drivers, who qualify, will receive up to \$2000 in incentives annually, following the renewal of their taxi driver's licence.
- Full details of the Accessible Taxi Incentive Program will be published on Calgary.ca in January 2019.

Sincerely,

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