

BULLETIN #008 LTS Licencing Fee Update

2020 May 11

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the taxi and limousine industry, as trips have decreased 80 per cent since the beginning of 2020 March. As a result, City Council was asked to consider reducing licence renewal fees to provide financial support to the livery industry participants.

Today, City Council approved the following fee reductions for the timeframe of 2020 May 15 until 2021 May 14:

- Waived taxi and limousine driver's licence renewal fees (\$141 \rightarrow \$0)
- Reduced taxi plate licence renewal fee by 50 per cent (\$912 \rightarrow \$456)
- Reduced limousine plate licence renewal fee by 50 per cent (\$731 \rightarrow \$365.50)

As a reminder, drivers are still required to renew their taxi and/or limousine driver's licence (at the Livery Transport Services office); this includes completing the Calgary Police Service Information Check. For those drivers who renewed their licence between 2020 January – 2020 May 14, they will receive their 2021 renewal at no cost.

In addition to the reduction in the plate licence renewal fees, please note:

- Taxi plate licence renewal period is extended to 2020 September 30.
- Limousine plate licence renewal period is extended to 2020 December 31.

LTS would also like to share that the Federal and Provincial government have allocated funds to help individuals with the economic impact of COVID-19. You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with these options as you may be eligible to apply for assistance. <u>Visit the website for information</u>

If you have any questions, please email our office at <u>Liverytransport@calgary.ca</u>. Please note, this bulletin is being translated into additional languages and will be provided as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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