

Taxi Licensing Fees: email representations received

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Yours faithfully Farid Bahaji, private hire driver.

Mr Farid Bahaji
Received 09.02.21

Dear licensing Officer

I just saw future fee increase in Taxi license. I do great objection on this year has been very hard on income also expenses were there.

I would request this year renewal of vehicle should be free of charge having no income in the trade.

Best Regards
Mr Aamir Bhatti

Mr Aamir Bhatti
Received 03.02.21

If Crawley Council licensing intended to increase taxi fees after the year we have had with Covid and 2021 does not look like it's going to get any better you might as well come around and take the food off my children's plate. You despicable people to even think about increasing the fees. Most councils around the UK have been giving up to £1,500 of grants to taxi drivers who's trade have been ravaged by Covid-19 while Crawley Council trying to squeeze every drop out of the lemon.

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Mr Abid Rehman
Received 03.02.21

Hi team

I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to the increase in fee's. We have had no work since the pandemic and I don't think it will be getting any better in 2021.

Most taxi drivers and private hire drivers in Crawley have had a 90% decrease in their income.

Please could you possibly put these proposed changes on hold, atleast untill we are out of this pandemic and things have gone back to normal.

Kind regards

Adnan

Adnan Ishtiaq

Received 03.02.21

Dear Taxi Liscence team/Head
Crawley Borough Council.

I have seen on the CBC website where you have proposed to change the liscencing fee for private hire and hackney carriage. Although the proposal doesn't come with any break up of costs in comparison, but our guess will be it will defenietly increase.

The Taxi trade which has suffered adversaly since the start of Pandemic till date and will take years to come back to normal once after the vaccination is completed.

We have struggled to keep up with the fee for this year which despite of all the hardships hasn't been either discounted or waived considering the trade situation.

For us Taxi drivers CBC has given so far only one discretionary grant of mare £250 for the whole year as we are not able to claim small business grant of 10K,, And the second one of £400 is in process where as other borough councils like mid sussex gave upto £2300 in the start of Pandemic solely to taxi drivers in grant in the month of May to keep up with everyday expences.

Another punch in the face would be if you raise the liscencing fee for the year starting in April 2021. Has there been any consideration towards keeping the trade alive from this office at all as most of the taxi drivers are either not working or have switched to other jobs while waiting for the grass to become green again. There has been nothing done practically to keep UBER away from Crawley or Gatwick who are still been able to steel our jobs freely and openly.

Our town which has been hit badly by corona virus economically, worst of the trade that has been hit is taxi although the office has successfully taken their fees through out the year without any hicups.

If you have any consideration and passion to keep the trade alive, You should really be thinking about giving atleast a 50% discount in the fees for the coming year if you can't waive it completely but rather you are suggesting to increase the fee, which is a very shambolic, cold hearted, mean act towards all the taxi trade.

I along with others strongly oppose this increase and would appreciate if the office consider it to reduce it to 50% atleast for the coming year.

Afzaal Hassan
Pvt Hire Driver.

Mr Afzaal Hassan
Received 03.02.21

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in connection with the proposed taxi license fee increases.

How can council propose an increase in licensing fees in the current climate when taxi drivers have suffered almost a full year thus far without any income.

The council should refund 80% of last years fees and propose to charge 20% in 2021, as at this present moment, the work situation has not improved.

We are still having to pay hire and reward insurance, compliance test fees, road tax and licensing fees to keep our cars licensed despite still not earning any money and it is a big struggle.

How can Crawley Council even propose this in the current climate as Crawley has one of the highest fees already.

Other councils have helped the taxi drivers' immensely, either with zero licensing fees or very generous grants, whereas Crawley Council has charged a full licenaing fee last year and only offered £250 grant for taxi drivers.

Regards

Ahjazz Ali

Mr Ahjaz Ali
Received 03.02.21

Dear Sir/Madam

With due respect I object to the increase of license fees.

Because of the covid-19 pandemic and on and off lockdown since march 2020 the taxi business has been hit the hardest adversely in Crawley.

Gatwick almost shut and local businesses like public houses and night industry closed there is no way to afford the already incurred costs of the taxi business let alone an increase.

I would request the authority to be realistic and give it a second thought and not only propose an increase rather reduce upto 50% of the existing licenses fee. As long as the local economy is underperforming I would request to grant this relief to license holders.

Thanks very much.

Looking forward to hearing from you

AKHTAR SAEED

Mr Akhtar Saeed
Received 05.02.21

Writing to you to ask for reduction of 50% of charges for renewal of badge, fees for all charges made from council please. Due to the circumstances of effect of covid 19 situation. We all cannot afford these charges as there is no work.

Mr Amjad Chaudary
Received 06.02.21

I object to the fees going up due to this pandemic, work has not been good. And the fees shouldn't go up.

Thanks,
Anwar Khan

Mr Anwar Khan
Received 05.02.21

Hi Sir/Madam

I would like to request you as you aware of present situation because of covid there is no much taxi work left at the moment, I would like to humbly request you instead of increase a penny more please reduce the taxi licence fee and badge fee please. This will be great help if you do that..

Many thanks
Asad Satti

Mr Asad Satti
Received 03.02.21

Dear Sir/Madam

During the past year taxi drivers have had a terrible time earning a living especially Crawley Borough Council licensed drivers, other councils have helped their licencees by zero licence fees and generous grants. I therefore oppose to the licence fee increase

Regards

MA Khan

Mr M A Khan
04.02.21

Dear sir/madam

I believe if there is any change in our fees they should be reduced by at least 50%, the reason being the Covid-19 virus has destroyed our trade.

Regards Derek Kiernan

Mr Derek Kiernan
Received 03.02.21

Dear Sir/Made

This is regarding the fare increase proposal. I object the proposal and it had been a hard time for our trade as all others and it will be even harder in near future. So I kindly request your management not to increase the fare.

Thank you

Farhan Jalaldeen

Mr Farhan Jalaldeen
Received 03.02.21

Hi

I am strongly objecting about the proposal of fee changes to higher than usual. During this pandemic I am not working as many others, almost zero income from the trade. Since April 2020 it will be highly appreciated and recommended to renew this year without charge as response to the pandemic.

Thank you

Mohamed

Mr Razmy Mohamed
Received 03.02.21

I can't believe what I am reading as regards to price rises for plate and badge renewals. I like the rest of my colleagues have had a year with practically no earnings to speak of. Now we hear a proposal to increase our fees. All I can say is that you are totally out of sync with the rest of society.

I am not one for protests normally, but on this occasion I will be on the front line to show my disgust at this hideous proposal.

Gerard Grant.

Mr Gerard Grant
Received 03.02.21

Please outline what changes the Council is thinking of implementing.
Has the Council considered the fact that taxi drivers have seen a 95% fall in income.
Regards Gregory Boulden
Airport Cars Gatwick.

Mr Gregory Boulden
Received 03.02.21

Dear sir/madam

This is very grateful if Taxi licence related charges reduce by 50% or more as you aware that taxi business is almost gone by the covid 19 crisis. Many thanks
Gul Durrani

Mr Gul Durrani
Received 03.02.21

Dear Sirs

It has recently come to my attention that the Council intend on increasing the taxi licence fees.

I am strongly against any fees increase for taxi licences given the current situation. I have not been working for some time now due to the impact COVID has had on work in general so to impose an increase in fees is completely unacceptable and will no doubt cause further financial hardship.

I would be grateful if you could consider the above when reaching a decision in respect of the fees.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Mr.J.Hussain

Mr Javaid Hussain
Received 03.02.21

This is makhan rahmathkhan that just let you know, I just seen u published a list of taxi fair changes is totally unexceptable so please consider about at least to 30% of the total fee because of no job going around here Thanks regards Makhan

Mr Makhan Rahmathkhan
Received 03.02.21

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am emailing you regarding the proposed Taxi license fee increase

I am shocked that CBC propose Increase in licencing fee despite knowing the current circumstances of the taxi drivers.

I am Private Hire Driver at LGW and I haven't been to work since March 2020 because there is hardly any work but i still have to pay my Taxi Insurance/license fee/PHV license fee to have my vehicle licensed without having any help from the council and yet council is thinking of increasing the fee. Other councils have been a great support for their drivers and our council is ignoring the fact that all the drivers are struggling to feed their families and proposed an increase.

CBC should refund some money to the drivers as they've not been able to trade due to the pandemic and decrease the fee for renewal.

Kind regards

Matee khan

Mr Matee Khan
Received 03.02.21

Hello madam/sir

As aware out taxi trade has effected so heavily during this pandemic. It's not a right time to increase fees. I am totally disagree with the proposal.

Many Thanks

Regards

Fazlan Nizamdeen

Mr Fazlan Nizamdeen
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Crawley Borough Council.

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I along with others strongly oppose this increase and would appreciate if the licence team would consider it to reduce it to 50% of the license fee.

Thank you
Kind regards
Sawraj Sahabdeen

Mr Sawraj Sahabdeen
Received 04.02.21

Subject... license fee change... Hi Sir/Madam I just heard you guys are planning to increase the license fee this year. As you know becaze of covid 19 we r worse effected people as a taxi driver so i would humbly request you dont increase any penny in ...

Mr Nadeem Mehmood
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Mr Sohrahb Qureshi
Received 03.02.21

Good morning,
I'm bringing this to your kind attention that , taxi driver are one of the worst effected by this pandemic, the proposed licensing fee increase will have a significant impact on them, I would kindly request the committee to reconsider the increase for few more year.

Thanks
Nazmil mohamed

Mr Nazmil Mohamed
Received 04.02.21

I object to any increase in fees that you are proposing, with current situations with COVID 19 we can not even afford the current prices.
I suggest you should give us 50% reduction in fees

Mr Nehman Hussain
Received 04.02.21

Good Afternoon,
I am writing this email to suggest that we would like a 50% reduction in the fees as working as a taxi driver in the pandemic is very difficult. We can't get a stable income with the lack of customers and it would be very difficult to pay the taxi licence fees. I hope you understand the situation.

Yours sincerely, Rafiq Mohammed.

Mr Rafiq Mohammed
Received 03.02.21

Dear Taxi Licencing

Please can you consider not increasing your fees at present.

We are all struggling at the moment as you are very well aware it doesn't make sense to do this at this very hard time.

If anything I would of thought you would of offered the Private hire & Hackney drivers some sort of discount to help in this difficult time.

I hope that you will give us all a positive response.

Kindest Regards

Rahim Sarangi

Mr Rahim Sarangi
Received 03.02.21

To whomever it may concern

I strongly object to any increase in fees for badges & plates.

I can't believe in this current pandemic where we have very little or NO work that anyone in power would consider increasing our fees. I would like to see at least a 50 percent decrease for 2021 fees.

Regards

Mr Ryan Grice

Mr Ryan Grice
Received 03.02.21

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Crawley Borough Council.

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I along with others strongly oppose this increase and would appreciate if the licence team would consider it to reduce it to 50% of the license fee.

Thank you
Kind regards
Safeur Rahman

Mr Safeur Rahman
Received 05.02.21

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be good enough to reduce the Taxi License renewal, at least by 50% this year, as I am struggling to pay like other Taxi Drivers. You known there are no works nowadays; also, I have children and other important bills to pay, so i politely ask you to reduce the amount please, as I mentioned above.

Thank you
Regards
Seyyadu Zauril

Mr Seyyadu Zauril
Received 04.02.21

Hi, objecting to any fee increases & asking for a reduction of 50%
At a time like this I think this is very important that help is provided.
Thank you.
Syed Mannan

Mr Syed Mannan
Received 04.02.21

With the current covid 19 pandemic I requeste to the council taxi licence fee should be half price thanks

Mr Tariq Rahman
Received 03.02.21

Dear sir/madam I am private hire driver due to current situations instead of reducing the prices u r increase witch is not right at the moment we straggling to make living many thanks

Mr Mirza
Received 03.02.21

Good afternoon
I am a taxi driver and I object to the increase in the taxi fee.
Kind regards
Wajid Ali

Mr Wajid Ali
04.02.21

To whom it may concern,

I am a taxi driver writing about taxi licensing fees and charges. Due to coronavirus there is a lack of work and income and therefore a difficulty meeting living costs. There has been an increase in fees which is hard to pay. Therefore, I am writing to object the increase of taxi licensing fees and charges and would recommend a 50% reduction in fees. I hope you take this into consideration
Kind regards
Waseem Riaz

Mr Waseem Riaz
04.02.21

Hi
To whom it may concern
I wazoomi wahid is a Hackney carriage vehicle licensed driver. I hope there no increase in fees. As our trade hit most by COVID-19 pandemic. As many drivers out of work it be really appreciated if you can abolish the licensing fees totally or less charge half.

Looking forward to here a positive news on this regards.

Kind regards
Wazoomi wahid

Mr Wazoomi Wahid

Received 03.02.21

It submitted there should be no increase in license renewal fee.
Suggested instead of increasing one year free waver to be given as business is badly effected due to Covid situation in Crawley. Also suggested PHV should be merged into HCV badge as been practice is been done neighbouring Councils.

Waver should be given in license and in plate.

Regards

Zafar Mahmood Satti

Mr Zafar Mahmood Satti

Received 03.02.21

Dear Madam/ Sir,

I would like to inform my opinion regarding the changes on Taxi licensing fees. I hope this is not a time to increase the fees because the trade is badly affected due this pandemic.

Thanks

Mohamed Ariff

Mr Mohamed Ariff

Received 04.02.21
