

Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

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Question: How much revenue is generated from taxicab licenses and applications? What is the cost to administer these licenses?

Response: For FY 2007, \$5,760 was generated from hacker's application fees and \$24,660 was generated from hacker's license issuance/renewal fees for a total of \$30,420. A one-time application fee is paid to apply for a hacker's license with Fairfax County. A license fee is paid to obtain the first license and to renew the license each year. Therefore for the initial license issuance, the applicant pays for the application fee and the license fee. The associated General Fund cost to administer these licenses in FY 2007 was \$61,840 with a cost recovery rate of 49 percent. However, it should be noted that the revenue generated from all activities associated with the regulation of the County's taxicab industry, which includes the aforementioned application fees, issuance/renewal fees, as well as taxicab company certificates, transfers, safety inspections and testing meters for accuracy was \$147,265 in FY 2007. The cost to administer all programs in FY 2007 was \$81,896 with a recovery rate of 180 percent.

The proposed fee increases included in the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan would generate additional revenue of \$9,285 in FY 2009.

Proposed Fee Changes

Category	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Application	\$20	\$25
License issuance/renewal	\$30	\$40

The total revenue from the regulation of the taxicab industry included in the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan is \$156,550. The projected FY 2009 cost for all regulatory activities associated with the taxicab industry is \$96,938 with an estimated recovery rate of 161 percent. Fairfax County's recommended fees will be in line with other jurisdictions except for the City of Alexandria which is significantly higher than other Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

Taxicab Licensing Rates for Northern Virginia Localities

Jurisdiction	Initial Fee	Renewal Fee
Fairfax County (proposed)	\$65	\$40
Washington Dulles Airport Authority	\$40	\$40
Arlington County	\$30	\$20
Prince William County	\$50	\$50
City of Alexandria	\$100	\$150