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**To:** [Bacon, Cecily J](#); [Bill Carter](#); [Transportation Commission](#); [Traffic](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fuel surcharge  
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Thanks Cecily. To be clear though, we don't even want to do it. It's just that it's getting to the point that if it keeps up like this we might \*have\* to do it--so just putting out feelers on what needs to be done for that \*option\* if it continues on this current horrible trajectory. I know it will turn around pretty rapidly when this Iran thing ends, but really hard to say when that will be at this point. Anyway.....thank you!

Side note: I wouldn't worry about that hearing for Cesar S. anymore....he's kind of vanished and isn't answering/returning phone calls anymore. I take that to mean he's lost interest, and I'm not a big fan of poor communicators anyway....so I too have now lost interest.

Have a great rest of your day all!

On 5/5/2026 4:44 PM, Bacon, Cecily J wrote:

Thanks for the follow up on this Bill and Erik. Confirming I'm working on clarifying the needed steps and will circle back shortly with an update.

Best,  
Cecily

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**From:** Erik Brekke <[erik.b@madtaxi.com](mailto:erik.b@madtaxi.com)>  
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Ok, thanks. I wasn't initially too concerned but it's been going on for awhile now and just getting worse and worse. Notice a lot of companies we do biz with popping \*us\* with fuel surcharges now, so if this doesn't ease up soon we'll end up having to do the same.

On 5/5/2026 1:32 PM, Bill Carter wrote:

Good afternoon, all!

I am just following up on this.

I know it was briefly on the April 15 agenda.

Has any progress been made researching the steps to enact a new fuel surcharge ordinance?

Thank you!

Bill

On Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 12:56 PM Bill Carter

<[bill\\_carter@unioncab.com](mailto:bill_carter@unioncab.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon, all!

As EVERYBODY knows, fuel prices have increased significantly in a short time.

I don't know that a (sustainable) resolution to the fuel crisis is on the horizon.

I have been asked to explore fuel surcharges. Ordinances do address this (from another time when fuel was very high), but they have sunset (below. I think inflation would need to be considered as well)

(p)Temporary Fuel Surcharge. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subdivision [11.06\(9\)\(a\)](#) of this Ordinance, a licensee may charge a fuel surcharge in any amount not to exceed one dollar (\$1) per trip, subject to the following conditions:

1. Licensee shall file a statement with the City Clerk indicating the amount of the surcharge, prior to implementing the surcharge. A licensee may vary the amount of its surcharge, up to the one dollar (\$1) limit, by filing a new statement with the Clerk and changing the vehicle markings as required below.
2. When multiple loading is permitted on trips to and from the airport during declared peak periods as defined in Subsection (3), and all passengers are going to the same destination, a metered taxicab may charge only one (1) such surcharge per trip, and the surcharge shall be divided equally among the passengers.
3. On a shared ride in a zoned taxicab, as defined in Subsection (3), if all passengers are going to the same destination, only one (1)

surcharge may be charged and shall be divided equally among the individual passenger fares.

4.The amount of the surcharge shall be marked on the interior of the vehicle, in addition to the information required by Subsection (10)(a)1. of this Ordinance.

5.The amount of the surcharge shall be marked on the right and left exterior sides of the taxicab, in addition to the markings required by Subsection (10)(a)2. of this Ordinance.

6.Sunset Clause and Effect of Rate Change. This provision, Sec. [11.06](#)(9)(p), permitting licensees to charge a fuel surcharge, shall have no effect after six (6) months after the date of publication of the ordinance creating it, however if a licensee obtains a regular rate change during this six-month period, that licensee shall no longer be permitted to charge a fuel surcharge under this provision.

What would we need to do to revive the fuel surcharge ordinance OR get permission to charge them?

Thank you!

Bill

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