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As per the email dated 4th November 2021 regarding the proposed increase of fees for Taxi and Private Hire Licensing 2022/23, on behalf of taxi drivers in Sevenoaks, we strongly object the increase in fees.

For the past year and a half, taxi drivers have been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and some are still trying to make up for the losses they incurred during lockdowns. The increased fees will contribute as an additional financial burden to many taxi drivers in the local area as for many that is their only source of income. Nevertheless, driving costs are also constantly increasing with petrol and service charges becoming increasingly more expensive. That is why we believe that the council, in addition to scrapping the proposed increased fees, should also implement new increased rates for taxi and private hire drivers. Our proposed new rates are as follows:

- Charge for the first 880 yards (5/10 mile) or part thereof
Pounds 4 Pence 20 Then each additional 176 yards approx
(1/10 mile) Pounds 0 Pence 30
- Waiting time for each period of 1 minute Pounds 0 Pence 50
- For hiring begun between 10 pm and 7 am
(except all Bank & Public holidays)

Overall, we feel that the Licensing Department Committee proposed changes are not in the best interest of the taxi drivers in Sevenoaks.
We strongly urge you to consider our proposals.

Sincerely Sevenoaks Hackney Carriage Drivers and Private Hire Drivers