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Mayor Negotiates 10% Across the Board Rate Cut for Taxicab Service

Today, Mayor James J Fiorentini announced that he has negotiated with Haverhill's two taxicab companies for lower rates for Haverhill residents. Both Companies have agreed to a 10% across the board cut in taxicab rates effective July 1 of this year.

Last year, Mayor Fiorentini attended a number of coffee hours and spoke to seniors around the city as well as at the citizen center. He heard many senior citizens complain about the high cost of taking a taxi. For many senior citizens who are confined to elderly housing and public housing, taxicabs are their only option for getting groceries or getting to the doctor. Seniors complained that high taxicab rates made it expensive and difficult to do the things they need to do on a daily basis.

The Mayor asked the City Council to join with him in studying taxicab rates to see what could be done. Just prior to last week's administration and finance meeting, the Mayor met with the owners of the two existing taxicab companies. Both of them agreed on a 10% across the board cut for everyone not just for senior citizens.

In making the announcement, the Mayor praised the companies for stepping up to the plate to help our citizens and said that this would be a great benefit to the low income community and to the elderly:

“Last year, I had a number of meetings in elderly housing complexes. A number of senior citizens complain to me about the high cost of taking a taxicab in Haverhill. When I investigated, I found that we had some of the highest taxicab rates anywhere. I asked the City Council to join with me to find ways to cut the rates. Just prior to last week's City Council subcommittee meeting, I met with the owners of the two taxicab companies. I was very pleased that they both agreed to help the public and agreed to a 10% across the board rate cut effective on July 1. At a time when just about everything is going up from electricity prices, to groceries, to gasoline, it is unheard of to get a 10% across the board rate cut. I commend both companies for agreeing to this. This will help our low income community and our senior citizens. I'm hopeful it will encourage more people to take taxicabs and ultimately will help the cab companies as well.”