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To: For Hire Taxi Industry

From: Joe Mora, Director

Re: Taximeter Fuel Surcharge

Dear Valued Customer:

As you are aware, in 2008 the Board of County Commissioners passed Ordinance 08-71 permitting taxicab drivers to collect a fuel surcharge under certain circumstances. **This is to advise you that a \$1.00 fuel surcharge will take effect on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.**

All taxicabs, including ARTS cabs, may collect the fuel surcharge for each trip. However, in order to collect the fuel surcharge there are a few requirements. **The surcharge can only be collected if it is added to the meter's extra function (except for flat rate trips and meters that do not have a working extra function) and a Fuel Surcharge Decal is posted in the vehicle.** All ARTS (blue) taxicabs and those taxicabs with meters that do not have a working extra function must display a fuel surcharge decal. The Miami-Dade County decal must be placed on the right-rear passenger side window indicating your authority to collect the fuel surcharge.

Between March 29 – April 3, 2011, representatives of the Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division will be at the below listed locations to provide the Fuel Surcharge Decal.

Locations	Time
Miami International Airport Taxi Lot  (No service on April 2-3, 2011)	7:30 – 9:30 am & 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Miami Bch. Convention Center by The Botanical Garden	1:00 – 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Downtown Bayside	1:00 – 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

In addition to the locations listed above, decals will be provided at the vehicle inspection station during regular business hours. Vehicles should enter the station from NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and wait in the re-inspection lane.



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Should gas prices continue to rise, additional surcharges may be authorized in 50 cent increments as outlined on the schedule below.

Gasoline Price	Trip Surcharge
\$ 3.00	None
\$ 3.50	\$ 1.00
\$ 4.00	\$ 1.50
\$ 4.50	\$ 2.00
\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50
\$ 5.50	\$ 3.00

In order for a per trip fuel surcharge to be implemented, the average weekly price of regular unleaded gasoline must stay at or above a level on the above chart for three consecutive weeks. Inversely, should the average weekly price of regular unleaded gasoline fall below a level on the above chart for three consecutive weeks the surcharge will be reduced accordingly. The average weekly price of regular unleaded gasoline is based on the data gathered by the Energy Information Administration (EIA).

The Consumer Services Department (CSD) will publicly announce when additional surcharges are authorized to be collected.