

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS  
City Clerk's Office  
April 17, 2014

I hereby notify that at twelve noon today the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday evening April 22nd at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Marilyn Gomeau  
City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
April 22, 2014

Roll Call

Moment of silent prayer

The Pledge

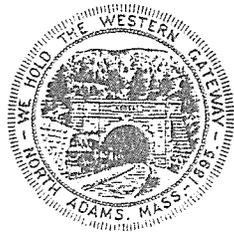
Approval of the minutes of regular meeting held on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

- #11,372 Mayor's Communication #25 recommending the re-appointment of Michael Leary to the Planning Board for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2019.
- #11,373 Mayor's Communication #26 recommending the re-appointment of Paul Hopkins to the Planning Board for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2019.
- #11,374 Mayor's Communication #27 recommending the re-appointment of Elizabeth DiLego to the Board of registrars for a term to expire April 1, 2017.
- #8510-9e Report of the Public Safety Committee submitted by Councilor Bona.
- #8510-9e An Order amending Chapter 23, Section 23-2 of the Revised Ordinances entitled Taxi Fares.

**CORRESPONDENCE**  
**LICENSE**

An application submitted by Ernest Perry for a Second Hand License in the name of Odds & Ends located at 510 State Road.

**OPEN FORUM**  
**COUNCILLOR'S & MAYOR'S CONCERNS**



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

April 22, 2014

#25

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Re-appointment to the Planning Board

Dear Honorable Councilors:

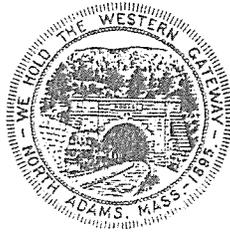
It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Michael Leary to the Planning Board for a term to expire February 1, 2019.

Mike has served in this capacity for quite some time, many of his years as Chair of the Board. He continues to show significant commitment and a passion for this work.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

April 22, 2014

#26

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Re-appointment to the Planning Board

Dear Honorable Councilors:

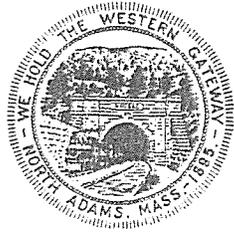
It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Paul Hopkins to the Planning Board for a term to expire February 1, 2019.

Paul has served the board for many years as Vice Chairman and his commitment and experience are valuable assets to this board.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

April 22, 2014

#27

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Re-appointment to the Board of Registrars

Dear Honorable Councilors:

It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Elizabeth DiLego to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire April 1, 2017.

Betty has served the board for many years and her commitment to our election processes has been exemplary.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor

**North Adams City Council**  
**Public Safety Committee Report**

Meeting 4/14/14 6pm-6:51pm City Council Chambers (moved to Law Library)

Committee Present: Keith Bona, Kate Merrigan, Ben Lamb

Others present: Wayne Wilkinson, Guy Cariddi, Tammy Daniels, Bill Mirante

Discussion: Taxi Rate Increases

Guy Cariddi owner of Tunnel City taxi, currently the only taxi business in the city has requested a taxi rate increase. Current rates are causing a loss of \$200-250 a day due to increases in gas, employee wages, repairs, insurance, rent, and other expenses. Last increase was March 2007.

Average calls per day 140-150.

Current zones within the city (see attached sheet) taxis charge \$4, \$5, \$6.

Comparing closest competitors (in Pittsfield) a trip from Mohawk Forest to North Adams Walmart would cost \$11.25. North Adams rates are \$7.

Other info avg. \$194 day/ gas.

Car expense. \$97 per car, per day, inc. maintenance, parts, repairs.

Taxi Auto Insurance \$4600 per car. Only includes liability.

Cariddi auto has four taxi vehicles.

6am-midnight

Employees paid by the hour. May receive tips, but minimal and not guaranteed.

Dispatcher \$15.87/hr (cost inc. work comp, taxes, etc)., \$254 per day

Two drivers for 16 hours. \$9-10.50/hr.

All employee labor is about \$950 per day.

Cariddi estimates total cost to operate business for everything is \$1100-1300 per day. Cariddi admitted this is high on his end because he does get wholesale parts and labor, shares expenses with the auto dealer business, but if someone didn't have that opportunity, these would be realistic expenses.

Wilkinson asked about tips. Cariddi said not a big tip business.

Average income for a 7 day period this first quarter was under \$1000.

Average call is \$6.75

Bona asked how the hospital closure has effected business.

Cariddi said it has cars to be out on longer calls. \$40 call to BMC. It will take a car out of town for 90-120 minutes. This is causing delays on how fast they can get to pickups. Cariddi used an example that one day they had two calls within an hour for two calls to BMC. That left them with one car. Then they received three calls within the city border.

Merrigan asked what rate is Cariddi looking for to keep it a profitable business.

One option Guy asked to consider is a base rate of \$2.50 plus .25 1/10 mile. That would be measured by using the odometer. Bona wasn't comfortable with the odometer as a visual measure device since customers couldn't see it. If we were to go with a measured system, we should have standard taxi meters. Meters cost \$1100 each.

If we continue with the current zoned rated, Cariddi suggested a \$2 increase for each zone.

Wilkinson asked about fees for waiting for someone. There is a fee for stops and cargo fees.

Cariddi talked about cargo fees. It's \$1 for bags. Doesn't matter if its 1 or 20 bags.

Cariddi informed us that Livery services will see the same increase as taxi rates. The city doesn't have jurisdiction over Livery rates. The only difference with Liveries and Taxis is Liveries are scheduled pick up. Many users of the Livery go through Berkshire Rides and only pay \$2 for a ride to work.

Lamb asked if raising taxi rates would shift business to Berkshire Rides. Cariddi responded that Berkshire Rides is only to bring employees to and from work. The Livery, Berkshire Rides, and Taxi are separate businesses.

Cariddi did say they will do shared rides at times. This is where they may pick up multiple customers on a trip. They do ask the customer if it's ok before they pick up an additional rider.

Bona asked Mirante if they went to meters, would it have to be inspected by Weights & Measures. Mirante responded, yes.

Cariddi explained they changed some rules. They won't pick up children under 16 unless accompanied by an adult. That includes to and from public schools. They won't charge to bring the school staff or parent back to the original location.

Rates outside of the city zones are independent for city ordinances, and controlled by the business owner.

Lamb questioned about longer service hours. Cariddi said they did extend their hours from 10 pm to midnight. It's not worth going past that time. They do offer a 24 hour after hour rate with the colleges for students.

Merrigan said without the specific language in front of us, can we make a motion to raise the rates.

Bona said we can still make a recommendation to keep it moving, and he would have the exact current rates to the committee the next day. We will base this off of what Cariddi is currently charging, and how much more he is requesting.

Merrigan wants to ask people within the community to get their opinions, but didn't see the need to table the recommendation.

Lamb makes the motion to for city council to consider increase rates by \$2 per zone. Merrigan second. All in favor.

Merrigan, motion to adjourn, Lamb Second, All in favor.

Meeting ended 6:45 pm



# City of North Adams

In City Council

.....April 11, 2006.....

Ordered:

That the Taxi Zones and Passenger Fares established under the provisions of Chapter 23, Section 23-2 of the revised ordinances of the City of North Adams by Council Order #8510-9c on September 13, 2005 be amended with the following new language.

The City of North Adams shall be made up of **Two (2) Taxi Zones** illustrated on the map attached here to and made part of hereof, with the boundaries extended or shortened as follows:

**Zone 1** – Within a one mile radius of Monument Square the fare for one **(1) person** shall be **\$4.00**.

Ashland Street to State Storage Yard  
Beaver Street to the First Bridge  
Church Street to the Railroad Trestle  
Curran Memorial Highway to State Street at the Hunter Foundry Road  
Eagle Street to the Clarksburg Line  
East Main Street to the City Water Tank  
Franklin Street to the Clarksburg Line  
Houghton Street to the Clarksburg Line  
Johnson Street in its entirety  
Massachusetts Avenue to the High Tension Line  
Mohawk Trail to Mohawk Forest Blvd.  
Mohawk Forest Blvd. in its entirety  
Natural Bridge Road in its entirety  
Reservoir Road to the City Water Tank  
Rich Street in its entirety  
State Street to Curran Memorial Highway to State Street at the Hunter Foundry Road  
Walden Street to Goodrich Street  
Walker Street to Canedy Lane  
Wells Avenue to the Clarksburg Line  
Windsor Lake Road in its entirety including the Windsor Lake Area and Historic Valley Park Campground  
Whitney Sand Bed Road in its entirety

**Zone 2** – The remainder of the City extending beyond the outer limits of Zone 1 to the City limits the fare for one **(1) person** shall be **\$5.00**.

**FARES BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS** – any fare extending beyond the City limits shall be charged at a rate of \$1.50 per mile and fifteen cents (\$.15) for each 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile beyond said limits and shall be added to the appropriate in City zone fare.

**ADDITIONAL FARES** – All Zones

\$1.00 each additional person, children in car seats free

\$.50 additional each zone Sundays and Holidays

\$1.00 each additional stop for five minutes or less

\$1.00 each additional five minutes waiting at a stop

\$1.00 additional for crossing each zone

Taxi Drivers may charge to a maximum of \$1.00 for the requested placement of any object in vehicle trunk or rear storage area.

Taxi operators have the right to waive any and all fees from December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8 pm until the commencement of operations the following day.

A copy of this order shall be kept in each taxi and made available upon requests of a passenger.

**DISCOUNT COUPONS** – Persons 60 years of age and over, Handicapped or Disabled persons of any age shall be entitled to a reduced rate by presenting the Taxi driver with coupons purchased from the North Adams Council on Aging. All taxi operators licensed by the City of North Adams shall honor discount coupons.

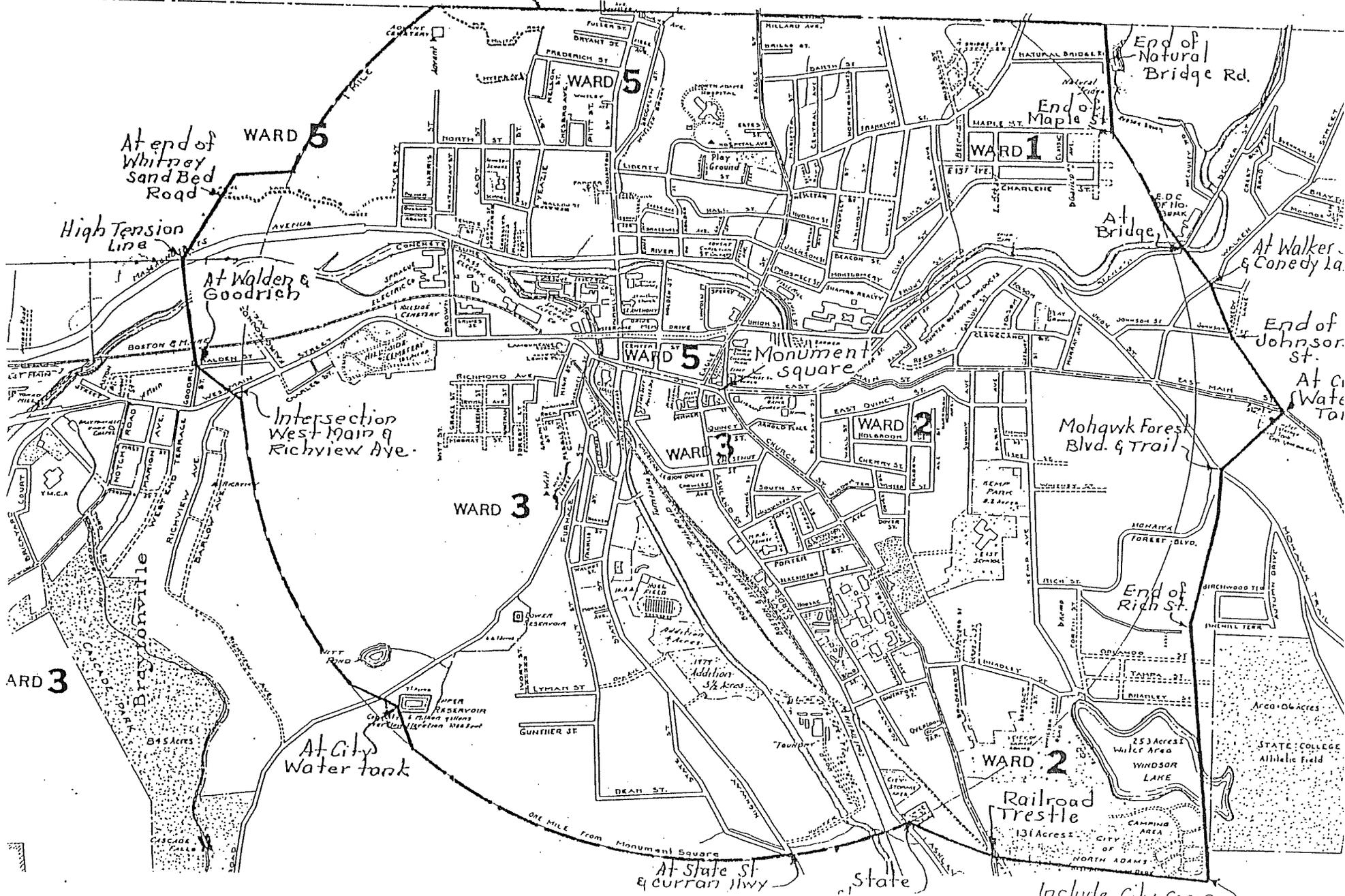
**EFFECTIVE DATE** – the fares contained herein shall be charged by all persons engaged in business as a taxi operator in the City of North Adams and shall become effective upon publication in the North Adams Transcript (Chapter 40, Section 22 MGL)

TAXI ZONE MAP  
CITY OF NORTH ADAMS

Zone 1 - within a one mile radius of Monument Square, extended or shortened as illustrated.

Zone 2 - the remainder of the City extending beyond zone 1

CLARKSBURG LINE



At end of Whitney Sand Bed Road

High Tension Line

At Walden & Goodrich

Intersection West Main & Richview Ave.

At City Water tank

At State St & Curran Hwy

State

Include City Corp

End of Natural Bridge Rd.

End of Maple St

At Bridge

At Walker & Conedy La.

End of Johnson St.

At City Water Tank

Mohawk Forest Blvd. & Trail

End of Rich St.

253 Acres Water Area WINDSOR LAKE

131 Acres RAILROAD TRESTLE

Area 06 Acres STATE COLLEGE Athletic Field

ONE MILE FROM Monument Square

WARD 3

WARD 5

WARD 5

WARD 1

WARD 3

WARD 2

WARD 2

Braytonville

845 Acres

CASCADE Falls

UPPER RESERVOIR

1977 Addition 3 1/2 Acres

Township

CAMPING AREA

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS



# City of North Adams

In City Council

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**Zone 1-** Within a one mile radius of Monument Square the fare for one **(1) person** shall be \$6.00.

Ashland Street to State Storage Yard

Beaver Street to First Bridge

Church Street to Railroad Trestle

Curran Memorial Highway to State Street

Eagle Street to the Clarksburg Line

East Main Street to the City Water Tank

Franklin Street to the Clarksburg Line

Houghton Street to the Clarksburg Line

Johnson Street in its entirety

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**Zone 2-** The remainder of the City extending beyond the outer limits of Zone 1 to the outer limits of Zone 1 to the City limits the fare for one **(1) person** shall be **\$7.00**