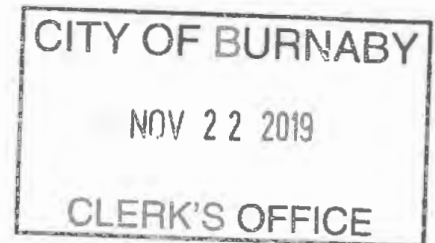




22- November 2019



**His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley
And the Council.**

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Referred to:
Financial Management Committee (2019.12.11)
Copied to:
City Manager, Dir. Corporate Services, OIC-RCMP,
Dir. Public Safety and Community Services,
Dir. Finance

Re: Request for Business licence fee reduction for Taxi in light of TNS Arrival.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to you as General Manager of Bonny's & Burnaby Select Taxi Ltd. on behalf of Bonny's and its taxi owner-operators. We would like to request that Council review the licence fees that are currently charged to taxi companies for individual taxi vehicles. The current fee is \$280 for each vehicle per year, which amounts to a total of about \$47,000 each year. In the interests of a fair and level playing field, we are hoping to have this amount reduced.

It is our understanding that the City will not be requiring ride hailing (TNS) vehicles to obtain licences for operating in the City, and that the City will also not be charging a licence fee to the ride hailing (TNS) companies. Since these vehicles and companies will be competing directly with our taxis, we do not view this as a fair situation.

Our shareholders are proud to work and live in the City of Burnaby, and are willing to contribute their fair share of toward City services. Our company has property in Burnaby where we operate our dispatch and other support services, for which we have a separate business licence, and our course we pay our property taxes.

We would suggest either a lower per-vehicle fee of \$50 or a larger flat fee that could be paid by the company. We anticipate that the introduction of ride hailing will be very disruptive for our

industry, and we may even have to park many of our vehicles. Any opportunity to reduce our costs will help us to compete.

Thank you for considering this request. If you require any further information, I would be pleased to meet with Council or with City staff to discuss this issue.

Yours Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emon Bari', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Emon Bari
General Manager
Bonny's & Burnaby select Taxi Ltd