



STAFF REPORT

Title: Bylaw No. 849-PL-24 - Bylaw to Amend Taxi Bylaw No. 760-PL-22

Meeting Date: November 26, 2024

Executive Summary:

Bylaw No. 849-PL-24, Amendment to Bylaw No. 760-PL-22, Taxi Bylaw is presented to establish a small fee increase for the 2025 tax license fees as was included in the 2025 Operating Budget.

In order to have enough time to mail out 2025 renewal notices, Administration recommends that Council consider giving, first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading to the bylaw this evening.

Background:

Bylaw No. 760-PL-22, Taxi Bylaw was passed on October 11, 2022 to regulate taxi operation within the City of Cold Lake. The Bylaw was subsequently amended on June 27, 2023 by Bylaw No. 787-PL-23, to update Taxi License Penalty Fines.

During the 2025 Budget deliberations, Council directed that a small overall increase be implemented to the City’s licenses, fees, and rates with the intent of raising rates by approximately 2.5%. It was noted that Taxi License Fees have remained the same since 2016.

Bylaw No. 849-PL-24, Amendment to Bylaw No. 760-PL-22, Taxi Bylaw is presented to increase taxi license fees for 2025 as follows:

	2024 LICENSE FEE	2025 ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	% FEE INCREASE
Permit fee	\$ 70	\$ 72	3%

The small license fee increase and impound fee increase is intended to take into consideration general increased costs and inflationary increases.

In order to provide time to mail out the renewal notices prior to the January 1st renewal, it is recommended that Council give first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading to the bylaw.



Alternatives:

Council may wish to:

1. Give Bylaw No. 849-PL-24, Amendment to Bylaw No. 760-PL-22, Taxi Bylaw first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading, as presented.
2. Give Bylaw No. 849-PL-24, Amendment to Bylaw No. 760-PL-22, Taxi Bylaw first reading, as presented.

Recommended Action:

That Council give Bylaw No. 849-PL-24, being a Bylaw to Amend Taxi Bylaw No. 760-PL-22, first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading, as presented.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

Submitted by:

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