

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Section 65, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Swale Borough Council has varied the maximum fares to be charges for Hackney Carriages hired by time and distance in accordance with the table below.

Any objections to the variation must be made in writing and addressed to the Community & Regulatory Services Manager by email: Sarah-JaneRadley@Swale.gov.uk or by hard copy to: Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT and must be lodged no later than: **3rd September 2026**

If no objection is duly made by the date specified, or if all objections so made are withdrawn the variation shall come into operation on: 4th September 2026

If an objection is duly made and is not withdrawn the Council will set a further date not later than 4th November 2026 on which the variation shall come into force with or without modifications as detailed by it after considerations of the objections.

MILEAGE:

(a) If the distance does not exceed 200 yards (182 metres) for the whole distance £3.80

(b) If the distance exceeds 200 yards (182 metres) – for the first 219 yards £3.80

For each subsequent 68 yards (62 metres) or uncompleted part thereof £0.10

WAITING TIME:

For each period of 1 minute or uncompleted part thereof £0.35

EXTRA CHARGES:

For hiring's begun between 11pm and 6am and for Bank Holidays (including Easter Sunday) and between 6pm and 11pm on 24th December (excluding 11pm 24th December to 6am 27th December and 6pm 31st December to 6am on 1st January)... +50% of above charges

The fares for distance will be DOUBLED between 11pm on 24th December and 6am on 27th December and between 6pm 31st December and 6am on 1st January.

Charge to be applied for the soiling of a vehicle should it be soiled to the extent that it has to be taken out of service to be cleaned. This charge is a matter between the driver/company and the customer not exceeding £100

For additional passengers in excess of 4, or for a specific request to hire a vehicle with more than 4 passenger seats (excluding wheelchair users accompanied by less than 4 other passengers) + 50%

When this Hackney Carriage is hired by distance it is an offence for the proprietor or driver to demand and take a fare greater than that shown on the taximeter. Any discount given to the customer must be discounted from the amount shown on the meter.

FARES FOR TIME

If the Hackney Carriage is hired by time the fare shall be agreed with the hirer at the commencement of the hiring

This fare is £8.70 over a 2-mile journey

Sarah-Jane Radley

Community & Regulatory Services Manager