

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

(c) Adjustment of rates. The County Council may adjust such rates as it deems necessary in the public interest after public notice and hearing.

Sec. 2. Emergency legislation.

The Council hereby finds that the enactment of this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public health or safety and hereby declares this enactment of emergency legislation to take effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved March 11, 1974.

Chapter 38

Bill No. 75-73

AN ACT to amend Section 53-27 of Chapter 53, titled "Taxicabs and Limousines," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, to provide for regulations governing fares for group riding based upon the distance travelled by each hirer of the taxicab.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, that

Sec. 1. Section 53-27, title "Group riding," of Chapter 53, title "Taxicabs and Limousines," of the Montgomery County Code 1972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

53.27 Group riding.

(a) A taxicab may be used to serve jointly passengers who have not previously notified the operator or dispatcher of their intention to travel together and whose trips either originate or terminate at different locations.

(b) A taxicab operator may accept as additional passengers those persons who flag or signal him along the public right-of-way, provided the proposed route of travel for such additional passenger does not increase the fare for those passengers already occupying the taxicab. This section does not authorize solicitation of passengers en route to the destination of the person or party occupying the taxicab. No person seeking taxicab service shall be refused the same in order that the driver may try to effect more profitable grouping.