

**REQUEST TO REFUND TAXICAB PERMIT FEES  
FOR A PORTION OF 2017**

In March 2017, The Board repealed the existing taxicab ordinance which required all taxicabs to obtain an annual permit authorizing each cab to operate in the County. The police department was required to annually inspect each taxicab before a permit could be issued. Enforcing the ordinance was time consuming, expensive, took officers away from other more important duties and achieved no law enforcement objective. At that time the Board adopted §86-1 County Code, which replaced the old permit system and \$50 per taxi “slot fee” with a simplified registration system requiring every taxicab to register and pay a \$10 fee effective May 1, 2017.

Prior to the repeal of the permit system, four taxicab companies had already paid a “slot fee” of \$50 per taxicab as shown below:

<b>Company</b>	<b># Slots</b>	<b>Annual Slot Fee</b>	<b>Paid Status (2017)</b>
AAA	4 (reduced to 2)	\$200.00 (or \$100.00)	\$200.00 paid 1/31/17
Rainbow	10	\$500.00	UNPAID
Marshall	72	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00 paid 1/1/17
Airport	72	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00 paid 3/22/17

In addition to the slot fee paid by the taxicab companies, individual drivers paid an annual \$50.00 registration fee, a \$10.00 fingerprint fee and a business license fee of \$25.00.

Although the new ordinance replaced the \$50.00 slot fee with a \$10.00 registration fee, the business license requirement and fingerprint fee remained the same.

Since a number of the taxicab companies had paid both permit/slot fees and registration fees for an overlapping portion of 2017, the companies have requested a prorated refund for the 8 months after May 1, 2017 as follows:

**Refunds Due:**

- AAA - \$133.34
- Marshall - \$2,400.12
- Airport - \$2,400.12
- TOTAL - \$4,933.58**

Staff recommends approval of the refunds to the taxicab providers by Treasurer. The request for refunds is considered a “claim” against the County. § 15.2-1.245 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, authorizes the Board to approve the claim and to direct the Treasurer to make the refunds.