

LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR METER USE

1. The fare set by the Council is the maximum fare that can be charged.
2. The Fare Chart issued by the Council **MUST** be displayed in the front of the vehicle in a prominent position easily read by passengers. It is an offence **NOT** to display a Fare Chart.
3. Failure to set the Taximeter for journeys within Lewes District Council area is an offence against the Byelaws.
4. If a taximeter is repaired, adjusted or for any reason the seal is broken, the vehicle cannot be used until the taximeter has been satisfactorily sealed by an authorised officer of the Council.
5. The meter is to be set at the point of picking up passengers. If undue waiting time is incurred prior to the point of pickup, the driver will have to decide, following **DIRECT** contact with the customer, at what stage he decides to charge waiting time bearing in mind the practicalities involved in collecting monies owed for waiting time incurred. The decision may be **NOT** to charge.
6. No provision has been made in the Lewes District Council conditions for waiting time incurred due to the opening of Newhaven Swing Bridge. Customer and commercial considerations will dictate if companies/owner drivers charge waiting time or not.
7. All journeys within Lewes District Council must be metered.
8. Any journey which starts inside but ends outside Lewes District Council area or vice versa can either be charged on a metered price or **PRIOR** negotiated price.
9. Lewes District Council have an approved list of calendar controlled taximeters. The meter incorporates all extra charges that can be levied and **NO** other extra charges can be made (excluding vehicles carrying 5 – 8 passengers)