

# LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

**6:00 p.m. Special Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## SPECIAL MEETING

1. Approval of the Election Warrant calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 for the Special School Referendum and Recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct said election.

## WORKSHOP

- A. Presentation by Raise-Op Housing Cooperative
- B. Discussion concerning Taxi Cab Zone Charging System

LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP AGENDA  
TUESDAY, May 8, 2018  
6:00 PM

1. Special Meeting – School Regionalization Initiative Referendum

The School Committee will be meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> to consider entering into an agreement with a number of other school systems for regional administration of several programs. The state is providing financial incentives for school systems that do so. Should the Committee approve, the regional initiative must also be approved at a referendum. In order to hold this referendum at the June primary, the Council must call the special municipal election on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

2. Presentation by Raise-Op Housing Cooperative – 20 minutes

Craig Saddlemire or the Raise-Op Housing Cooperative has requested an opportunity to update the City Council on the status of the cooperative.

3. Taxi Cab Zone Charging System

The City regulates taxi cab fares that can be charged within the Lewiston City Limits. The regulations are based on a zone system where the charge is determined by the zone through which the cab travels. A copy of that system, including a zone map, is attached along with a copy of Auburn's zone map, given that they use the same system. Mayor Bouchard has been approached by a cab company operator who is asking that the City review and potentially change its current zone system for establishing fares. This has come up in the past primarily due to confusion regarding the application of the zone system where passengers have been charged differentially for the same trip by different operators. The majority of Cities that regulate cab operation require that the cabs operate with meters and charge in accordance with distance traveled. Some communities also regulate the amount that can be charged while others simply require that the rates be posted in the cab so that customers are aware of the fare system. Communities with metered fare requirements also take steps to ensure that the meter is accurately calibrated and sealed.

Changing from a zone to a metered system has been proposed in the past. It has previously been opposed by cab owners because of the cost associated with installing and maintaining the meters.

# LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL

## MEETING OF MAY 8, 2018

**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET:**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of the Election Warrant calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 for the Special School Referendum and Recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct said election.

**INFORMATION:** Under the Maine State Statutes, the municipal officers shall issue an election warrant calling for a municipal election. The City Clerk will be conducting a special city election on June 12, 2018 for the purpose of voting in the Special School Referendum.

Recommendations on election related issues:

- A. That the hours for acceptance of registrations in person only, prior to the June 12th election, as required by MRSA Title 21A, sec. 122, 6A(2), be set at 8:30am to 4:00pm, May 23 through June 11, 2018.
- B. That the names of those persons who register during the closed session for registration shall be recorded in accordance with MRSA Title 21A, sec. 122, subsec. 7B.
- C. Pursuant to Title 21A, sec 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed centrally at 4:00pm and any and all remaining shall be processed at 8:00pm, if necessary.

**APPROVAL AND/OR COMMENTS OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

The City Administrator recommends approval of the requested action.

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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Be It Ordered by the City Council that the Election Warrant be issued for the Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 for the purpose of voting for the Special School Referendum, and to approve the following recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct the Special Municipal Election :

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**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**CITY OF LEWISTON**

*County of Androscoggin, SS.*

To Brian O'Malley, a constable of Lewiston, Maine: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of the City of Lewiston of the election described in this warrant.

To all voters of the City of Lewiston: You are hereby notified that a Special Municipal Election in this municipality will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the regular city polling places.

Said election being held for the purpose of voting on the Special School Referendum.

**REFERENDUM BALLOT:**

Ballot Question One:

“Do you approve Lewiston Public Schools joining a regional service center with other area school districts in order to improve educational efficiencies and preserve state subsidy, as set forth in an application to be approved by the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education?”

The polls shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.. Absentee ballots will be processed centrally at 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., if necessary.

*Dated at Lewiston, Maine on May 8, 2018.*

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*ATTEST:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen M. Montejo, City Clerk

# OPERATION OF TAXICAB

## DESCRIPTION OF ZONES

### ZONE ONE:

Beginning at the Androscoggin River, in an easterly direction to the intersection of Summer Street and Riverside Street; thence along Riverside Street to Main Street; thence along Main Street to Frye Street; thence along Frye Street to College Street; thence along College Street to Campus Avenue; thence along Campus Avenue to Central Avenue; thence easterly across country to the intersection of Lafayette Street and Wilson Street; thence along Wilson Street to East Avenue; thence along East Avenue to Lisbon Street; thence westerly across Lisbon Street to the northern & eastern property line of the Promenade Mall to the Maine Central Railroad tracks; thence in an easterly direction along the Maine Central Railroad tracks to the southernmost intersection of Merton Boulevard and Lincoln Street; thence in a westerly direction to the Androscoggin River; thence along the River to the point of beginning.

### ZONE TWO:

Includes the area extending beyond Zone 1 and bounded as follows: Beginning at the Androscoggin River in an easterly direction to the intersection of Main Street and Bearce Avenue; thence along Bearce Avenue to Ryder Street; thence along Ryder Street to Manning Avenue; thence along Manning Avenue to College Street; thence along College Street to Orestis Way; thence along Orestis Way to Central Avenue; thence along Central Avenue to Suzanne Street; thence along Suzanne Street to Martha Avenue; thence southeasterly across country to the intersection of Alec Street and East Avenue; thence along East Avenue to Blanchette Street; thence southeasterly across country to the intersection of Highland Spring Road and Sabattus Street; thence southerly across country to the northernmost end of Shank Street; thence along Shank Street to Webster Street; thence along Webster Street to Scribner Boulevard; thence along Scribner Boulevard to Lisbon Street; thence along Lisbon Street to Martin Drive; thence southwesterly across country to the intersection of River Road and Goddard Road; thence in a southwesterly direction to the Androscoggin River.

### ZONE THREE:

Includes the area extending beyond Zone 2 and bounded as follows: Beginning on Switzerland Road at Deer Rips Dam, so called; thence easterly across country to the intersection of Main Street and Stetson Road; thence along Stetson Road to Hogan Road; thence southeasterly across country to the intersection of Old Greene Road and Rachel Boulevard; thence along Rachel Boulevard to North Temple Street; thence along North Temple Street to Sabattus Street; thence along Sabattus Street to Rideout Avenue; thence along Rideout Avenue to Randall Road; thence along Randall Road to Pond Road; thence along Pond Road to Webster Street; thence southerly across country to the intersection of Lexington Street and Westminster Street; thence along Westminster Street to Lisbon Street; thence along Lisbon Street to Pleasant Street; thence along Pleasant Street to Commercial Street; thence along Commercial Street to Ferry Road; thence along Ferry Road to Cottage Road; thence along Cottage Road to River Road; thence in a southwesterly direction to the Androscoggin River.

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### ZONE FOUR:

Includes the area extending beyond Zone 3 and bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Switzerland Road and Gulf Island Avenue; thence easterly across country to the westernmost end of Gulf Island Road; thence along Gulf Island Road to Main Street; thence along Main Street to Larrabee Road; thence along Larrabee Road to its easternmost end; thence southeasterly across country to 838 College Road; thence south-easterly across country to the northernmost intersection of Old Greene Road and Old Bloody Hill Road; thence southeasterly across country to the intersection of Pond Road and Golder Road; thence along Golder Road to Sabattus Street; thence southeasterly across country to the intersection of Grove Street and Randall Road thence southerly across country to the intersection of Old Lisbon Road and Gould Road; thence along Gould Road to Lisbon Street; thence southwesterly across country to the intersection of Ferry Road and Pinewoods Road; thence westerly across country to River Road at the Lewiston City Dump; thence in a westerly direction to the Androscoggin River.

### ZONE FIVE:

Includes the area extending beyond Zone 4 to the City limits.

### SEPARATION ZONE:

Includes all areas between Line A and Line B.

Line A: Beginning at the westernmost end of Libby Avenue, along Libby Avenue to Main Street; thence along Main Street to Pettingill Street; thence along Pettingill Street to Central Avenue; thence along Central Avenue to Brault Street; thence along Brault Street to Belleview Avenue; thence along Belleview Avenue to Blanchette Street; thence along Blanchette Street to East Avenue; thence easterly across country to the intersection of Stanley Street and Sabattus Street; thence along Sabattus Street to the City Limits.

Line B: Beginning at the intersection of East Avenue and Webster Street; along Webster Street to Webster Road; thence along Webster Road to Crowley Road; thence along Crowley Road to the City Limits.

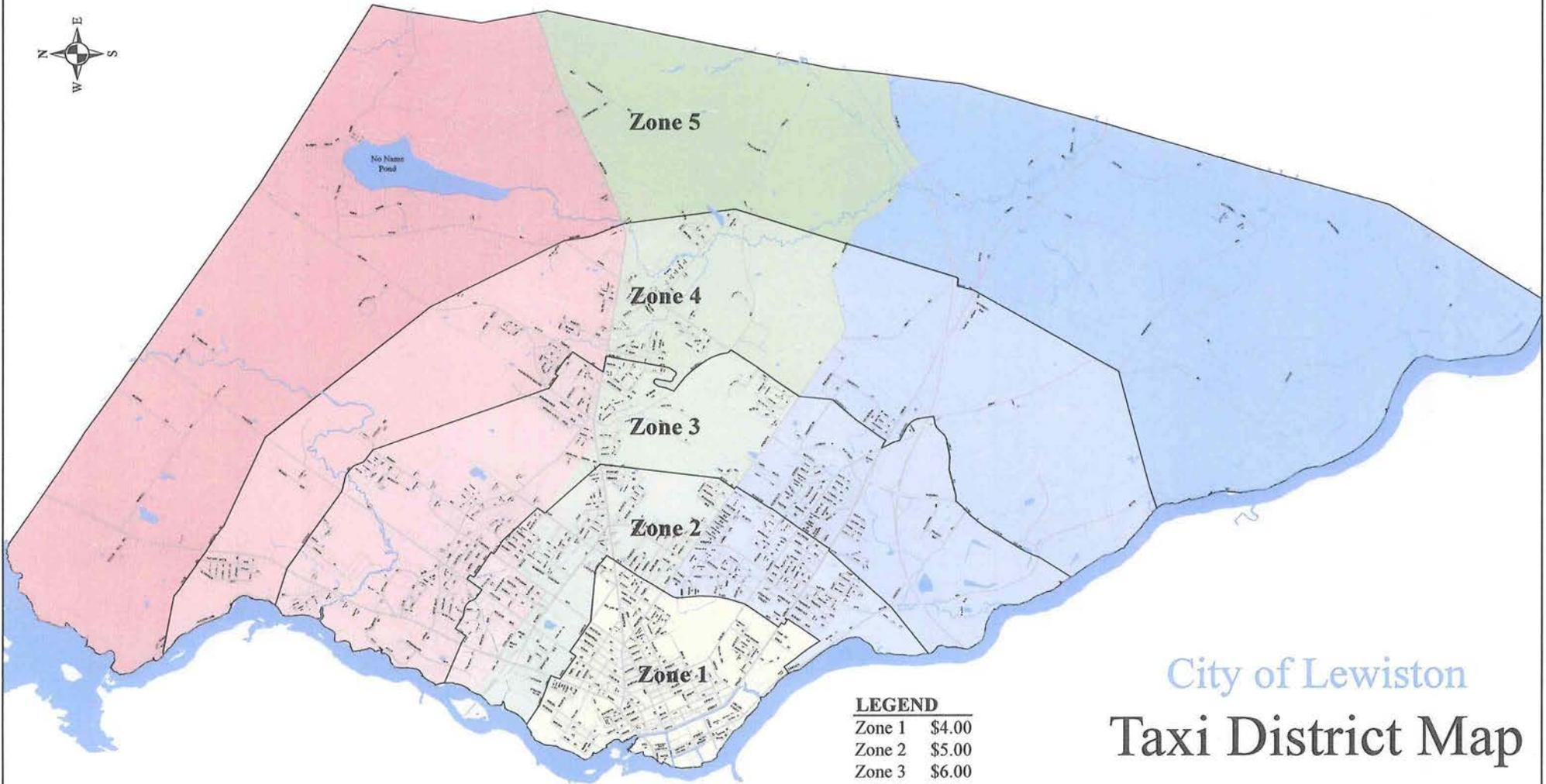
## OPERATION OF TAXICAB

### *SCHEDULE OF RATES*

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| ZONE ONE:                  | One Stop: \$4.00 for 1 passenger; \$.50 each additional passenger. Additional stops on same basis.   |
| ZONE TWO:                  | One Stop: \$5.00 for 1 passenger; \$.50 each additional passenger. Additional stops on same basis.   |
| ZONE THREE:                | One Stop: \$6.00 for 1 passenger; \$.50 each additional passenger. Additional stops on same basis.   |
| ZONE FOUR:                 | One Stop: \$7.00 for 1 passenger; \$.50 each additional passenger. Additional stops on same basis.   |
| ZONE FIVE:                 | One Stop: \$8.00 for 1 passenger; \$.50 each additional passenger. Additional stops on same basis.   |
| SEPARATION ZONE:           | Crossing both Line A and Line B during same fare will be \$.50 additional.   |
| INTER ZONE TRAVEL:         | To be charged at the rate designated for the most distance zone.   |
| NIGHT TIME TRIP SURCHARGE: | \$.25 in addition to the above zone rates between the hours of 9:00 pm and 5:00 am.  |
| WAITING TIME:              | \$1.00 for each three (3) minutes.   |
| FUEL ADJUSTMENT:           | Based on a starting point of \$2.20 per gallon for 87 Octane gasoline, a fuel adjustment of \$.10 per call is allowed for every \$.20 per gallon increase or decrease. |

### IMPLEMENTATION OF FUEL ADJUSTMENT

Upon verification by the Department of Finance that the price of 87 octane gasoline has exceeded the \$.20 increase or decrease for a period of fourteen (14) days, the City Clerk shall issue an order to the local taxi cab companies setting the rate authorized.



# City of Lewiston Taxi District Map

January 2014

### LEGEND

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| Zone 1 | \$4.00 |
| Zone 2 | \$5.00 |
| Zone 3 | \$6.00 |
| Zone 4 | \$7.00 |
| Zone 5 | \$8.00 |

Crossing through separation  
zone(green) adds \$.50 to fare.

Scale = 1" = 1600'

## City of Bangor Taxicab Fare Ordinance

### § 278-9 Taxicab rates of fare.

- A.** Fares to be collected from any taxicab passenger or passengers shall be no greater than that shown on the taximeter, and no owner or driver shall charge rates to such passenger or passengers for taxicab services within the limits of the City of Bangor greater than the following:
- (1) For the first 1/6 of a mile or fraction thereof: \$2.50.
  - (2) For each 1/6 of a mile or fraction thereafter: \$0.35.
- B.** Provided, however, that in addition to the rates of fare permitted under Subsection **A(1)** and **(2)** above, a fare of not more than \$0.30 per minute may be charged in the event that any taxicab is forced, by reason of traffic conditions or other circumstances beyond the driver's control, to travel at a speed of less than 10 miles per hour for a continuous period of more than two minutes.
- C.** All taxicabs operated under a license granted by the City of Bangor must display the notice to the public card provided by the City of Bangor, which sets forth the maximum rates permitted under this chapter, as outlined in § 278-8. Maximum rates, including for the initial 1/6 mile, for each additional 1/6 mile, and for wait time, shall also be permanently placed on the exterior of one door or fender on each side of the taxicab in letters at least one inch high.
- D.** Additional passengers. If there is more than one passenger having the same origin and destination, each passenger may be charged not more than an equal proportionate part of the charges shown on the taximeter. At the option of the owner of such taxicab, an additional charge of not more than \$0.25 may be made for each additional passenger having the same origin and destination as the first passenger. If there is more than one passenger and the destinations are different, each passenger may be charged not more than his or her equal proportionate part of the difference between the amount then shown on the taximeter and the amount shown by the taximeter at the next preceding stop.

- E. Waiting time. If the taxicab waits for the passenger after the taxicab has arrived at the place of origin, at the expiration of five minutes after such taxicab has arrived or after being requested to wait by the passenger, whichever comes sooner, the passenger may be charged not more than a maximum rate of \$21 per hour, or any such fraction thereof, as the actual waiting time bears to one hour. No charge shall be made for waiting time in advance of the time at which the taxicab is required in the request for the taxicab service, nor for the delay due to the inefficiency of the taxicab or its operation, nor for mileage or time other than proceeding in the most direct way to the destination.
- F. Hand luggage. Hand luggage shall be carried free of charge.
- G. Surcharge. The City Council may, by order, authorize the levy of a surcharge per trip in addition to the fare authorized by this section where it determines that such surcharge is warranted by conditions beyond the control of taxicab drivers and companies and where such conditions affect the cost of providing taxicab services.
- H. No taxicab or livery driver shall engage in barter with a passenger in lieu of the arranged compensation.

## **CITY OF PORTLAND TAXICAB FARE ORDINANCE**

### **Sec. 30-21. Taxicab fares for service.**

The maximum fares for taxicabs shall be as follows:

- (a) Within the metered zone. Except as otherwise provided herein, the maximum fare for taxicab service solely which begins or ends in the city and is within the metered zone shall be one dollar and ninety cents (\$1.90) for the first one-tenth of a mile (the "drop" rate) or a fraction thereof and thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one-tenth of a mile or fraction thereof, thereafter. The fare shall be computed and displayed by the taximeter. No fare charged shall be in excess of the amount displayed by the taximeter. There shall be one (1) fare, divided equally, in the case of two (2) or more passengers who engage the taxicab for a trip between the same two (2) points. In all other cases, each passenger shall pay a separate fare, based upon the total taximeter rate to their individual destinations.
- (b) Outside the metered zone. If a trip begins or ends within the city and the other point of destination is outside the metered zone, the passenger and driver shall agree upon the fare before the trip commences; otherwise the passenger shall be under no obligation to pay any fare.

- (c) Minimum jetport fare. The minimum fare for pickup at the Portland International Jetport is five dollars (\$5.00) even if the taximeter fare is less. The taximeter shall be used for all such pickups.
- (d) Waiting time. A charge for waiting time may be made only for time waited at the express direction of the passenger after the trip has begun and for time waited before the trip has begun, commencing five (5) minutes after the time at which the passenger has requested the taxicab to call, or five (5) minutes after the taxicab actually calls, whichever is later. The charge for such City of Portland Vehicles for Hire Code of Ordinances Chapter 30 Sec. 30-21 Rev. 9-16-10 30-10 waiting time shall be forty cents (\$0.40) per minute.
- (e) Sight-seeing. Taxicabs may be employed for purposes of sight-seeing only according to a published route and rate which shall be provided to the passenger prior to commencement of the trip.
- (f) Bags and parcels. No charge shall be made for the transportation of the bags or parcels of a passenger.

Sec. 30-22. Rates to be displayed by taxicabs.

- (a) Rate and information card. The director shall issue, together with each taxicab business license, a rate and information card which sets forth the foregoing rates in clear, legible letters and a description of the metered zone. The rate and information card shall be clearly visible to passengers at all times when the taxicab is in service.
- (b) Statement of rates. The maximum rate of fares charged by the taxicab pursuant to this article and any lesser rate actually charged by the taxicab shall be advertised on both back doors of the taxicab in lettering of a size to be approved by the director.
- (c) Statement of discounts. Notice of any lesser rates routinely offered shall be displayed in clear and legible letters immediately adjacent to the rate and information card.



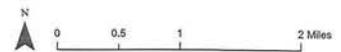
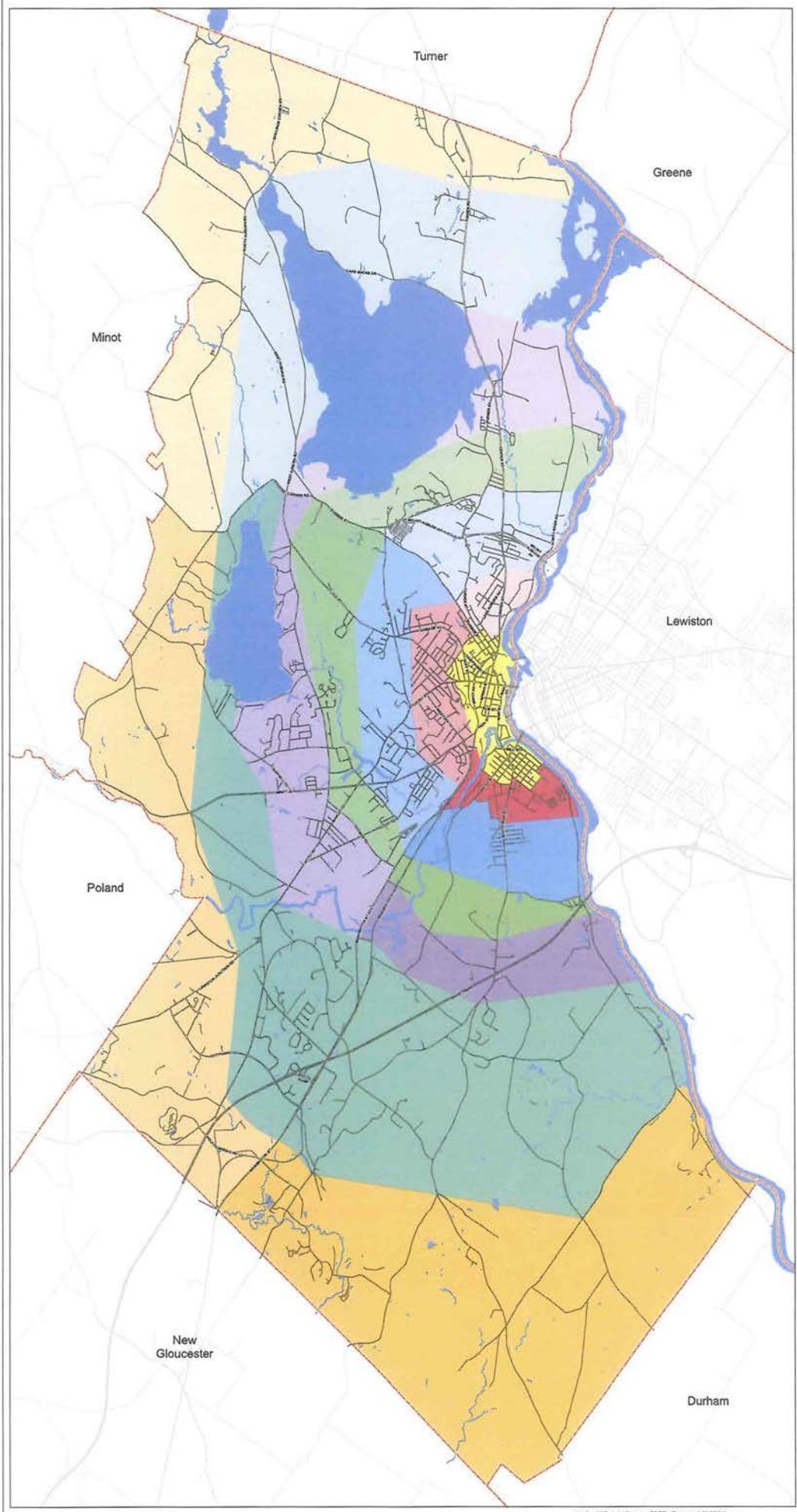
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## Taxi Zones and Rates

### Legend

- Zone 1, Downtown, \$4.00
- Zone 2, North, \$5.00
- Zone 2, Central, \$5.00
- Zone 2, South, \$5.00
- Zone 3, North, \$6.00
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