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RTA PERMIT PRICING DETAILED BY CITY OF MONTEREY

The City of Monterey, under subcontract to the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority (RTA), is now offering taxi driver and vehicle permits. Applications and payments for permits can be submitted at the Monterey Police Department at 351 Madison Street during taxi office hours on Wednesdays from 1pm to 5pm, Thursdays from 8am to 5pm and Fridays from 8am to 5pm (holidays excepted). Individuals wishing to purchase taxi and vehicle permits should bring payment in the amount of \$315.84 to the City of Monterey. A driver-only permit can be purchased for \$258.68. A vehicle-only permit can be purchased for \$57.16. Upon submittal of permit applications at the Monterey Police Department, a proof of vehicle inspection, physical and drug test must accompany the application paperwork. Vehicle inspections can be obtained at the following locations:

Jack Fox Auto
590 Olympia St.
Seaside, California

Ulises Auto Repair
435 E. Alisal Street
Salinas, California

Physicals and drug tests can be obtained at most medical clinics or from one's doctor. While costs for the vehicle inspections, physical and drug test can vary from location to location, MST estimates that these costs would total an additional \$150 to \$200, which is to be paid by applicants directly to the garages and clinics.

Applications in English and Spanish can be downloaded from www.mryrta.org or obtained in person from the Monterey Police Department. For more information about the new taxi permitting procedures or to set up an appointment for assistance with the application process, please contact the city of Monterey's taxi program coordinator, Ms. Yvonne Perez, at 831-646-3837 during taxi office hours or via email at yperez@monterey.org. Those taxi drivers who have not already obtained annual regional permits from the RTA administrator over the previous nine months are encouraged to do so as soon as possible via the new regional taxi permitting process at the Monterey Police Department. Annual Regional Permits are valid for one calendar year from date of issuance. Prorated interim permits issued by the RTA administrator over the last nine months will expire on December 31, 2011. Applications for permits for taxi dispatching companies will continue to be processed by MST staff at One Ryan Ranch Road in Monterey. English and Spanish taxi company applications are also available at the www.mryrta.org website.

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