

Executive Council Resolution No. (18) of 2010
Regulating the
Operation of Water Taxis in the Emirate of Dubai¹

We, Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council,

After perusal of:

Law No. (6) of 1997 Concerning Contracts of Government Departments in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments;

Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (17) of 2005 Establishing the Roads and Transport Authority;

Law No. (35) of 2009 Concerning Management of the Public Funds of the Government of Dubai;

Executive Council Resolution No. (8) of 2006 Establishing the Agencies Affiliated to the Roads and Transport Authority and Approving their Corporate and Organisational Structure; and

Executive Council Resolution No. (13) of 2010 Approving the General Organisational Structure of the Roads and Transport Authority,

Do hereby issue this Resolution.

Article (1)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Resolution, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate: The Emirate of Dubai.

RTA: The Roads and Transport Authority.

Chairman of the The chairman of the board of directors and executive director of the
Board of Directors: RTA.

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict the Arabic text will prevail.

PTA:	The Public Transport Agency.
Territorial Waters:	The territorial waters of the Emirate.
Water Taxi:	A boat accommodating eleven (11) passengers which is licensed by the PTA to transport passengers within the Territorial Waters.
Station:	A place designated by the PTA for passenger embarkation and disembarkation.
Fare:	Approved fare payable in return for transporting passengers by Water Taxis.
Regular Trip:	A Water Taxi trip between the Stations approved by the PTA.
Tourist Trip:	A Water Taxi trip which has no chartered route or Station.

Article (2)

The PTA will have the duties and powers to:

1. conduct detailed studies and adopt the practices required to design, build, operate, maintain, and manage Water Taxis;
2. operate Water Taxis and manage Stations within the Territorial Waters, and supervise and audit maintenance facilities and wharfages;
3. license Water Taxi operators and determine the allowed speed limits in coordination with the concerned entities in the Emirate;
4. determine the operating hours of Water Taxis and Stations;
5. buy, sell, own, and charter Water Taxis;
6. construct, own, equip, take lease of, and lease out maintenance and repair workshops;
7. enter into agreements and partnerships with corporations, companies, and authorities to cooperate in the field of passenger transport by Water Taxi; and
8. buy, own, and take lease of floating offices for the purpose of the operating and maintaining Water Taxis.

Article (3)

- a. Use of Water Taxi will be in return for a Fare determined as follows:

1. Regular Trip: Fare determined in accordance with Schedule (1) attached hereto; or
 2. Tourist Trip: Four hundred Dirhams (AED 400.00) per hour.
- b. The PTA will determine the methods of collecting the Fare referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article, the categories eligible for discounts, and the applicable discount rates.
 - c. The RTA may, in accordance with the rules and standards it adopts, determine the Fare for trips between Stations to be constructed after the effective date of this Resolution based on the initial scheme adopted to determine the Fare of the trips as stated in Schedule (1) attached hereto.

Article (4)

The Chairman of the Board of Directors may authorise any corporation or company to operate Water Taxis in return for an annual fee determined under an agreement to be concluded for this purpose. This agreement will provide for the obligations and the duties of the parties.

Article (5)

For the purpose of safe and optimal use of Water Taxis, the RTA will issue the bylaws and instructions regulating the use of Water Taxis and Stations, including all relevant rules, requirements, and conditions, in addition to means of ensuring the safety of Water Taxi users.

Article (6)

In addition to the penalty of a fine prescribed under this Resolution, a violating party will be liable for compensation for any damage to a Water Taxi, equipment, devices, or Stations, in addition to a twenty five percent (25%) of the amount of damages as administrative fees. The RTA assessment of such damages will be final.

Article (7)

- a. Without prejudice to any stricter penalty stipulated in any other legislation, a person who violates any of the provisions of this Resolution, its implementing bylaw, or the instructions issued in pursuance hereof, will be punished by the fine prescribed for such violation in Schedule (2) or Schedule (3) attached hereto.
- b. The PTA may, in addition to imposing the penalty of a fine stipulated in paragraph (a) of this Article, suspend the operation of a Water Taxi for a period not exceeding one (1) month.

Article (8)

The employees and inspectors of the RTA nominated pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman of the Board of Directors will have the capacity of law enforcement officers to record the acts committed in breach of the provisions of this Resolution, its implementing bylaw, or the instructions issued in pursuance hereof. For this purpose, they may issue the necessary violation reports and seek assistance from police personnel.

Article (9)

The charges and fines collected pursuant to this Resolution will be paid to the Public Treasury of the Government of Dubai.

Article (10)

The Chairman of the Board of Directors will issue the bylaws and instructions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

Article (11)

This Resolution comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Crown Prince of Dubai

Chairman of the Executive Council

Issued in Dubai on 15 July 2010

Corresponding to 3 Shaban 1431 A.H.

Schedule (1)

Fare for Use of Water Taxis between Stations

		Station Code																	
		10	20	21	22	23	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	40	41	42	50	51	52
Station Code	10	0	150	160	180	290	130	140	160	190	220	320	250	225	270	315	390	535	390
	20	150	0	60	85	225	75	65	60	95	130	130	175	160	200	245	310	430	310
	21	160	60	0	75	215	90	70	55	85	120	120	165	170	210	255	315	440	320
	22	180	85	75	0	190	110	95	75	65	100	100	140	190	225	275	335	460	335
	23	290	225	215	190	0	250	235	215	175	140	140	100	300	335	385	445	570	450
	30	130	75	90	110	250	0	65	85	120	160	160	200	145	180	225	290	400	290
	31	140	65	70	95	235	65	0	70	105	145	145	185	155	190	240	300	415	305
	32	160	60	55	75	215	85	70	0	85	125	125	165	170	205	255	315	430	315
	33	190	95	85	65	175	120	105	85	0	85	85	130	200	235	285	345	455	345
	34	220	130	120	100	140	160	145	125	85	0	50	95	230	265	315	375	485	375
	35	320	130	120	100	140	160	145	125	85	50	0	95	230	265	315	375	500	375
	36	250	175	165	140	100	200	185	165	130	95	95	0	265	300	350	410	535	400
	40	225	160	170	190	300	145	155	170	200	230	230	265	0	95	155	225	370	230
	41	270	200	210	225	335	180	190	205	235	265	265	300	95	0	110	190	330	180
	42	315	245	255	275	385	225	255	255	285	315	315	155	110	110	0	130	275	130
	50	390	310	315	335	445	290	315	315	345	375	375	225	225	190	130	0	220	125
	51	535	430	440	460	570	400	430	430	455	485	500	370	370	330	275	220	0	270
	52	390	310	320	335	450	290	305	315	345	375	375	400	230	180	130	125	270	

Station Name and Code:

10- Al Mamzar	31- Bur Dubai	40- Jumeirah Open Beach
20- Deira Old Souk	32- Al Fahidi	41- Jumeirah Beach Park
21- Al Sabkha	33- Al Seef	42- Jumeirah Beach Hotel
22- Baniyas	34- Creek Park (a)	50- Dubai Marina (East Marina)
23- Dubai Festival City	35- Creek Park (b)	51- Jebel Ali Hotel and Resort
30- Al Shandagha	36- Al Boom Tourist Village	52- Atlantis

Schedule (2)
Violations and Fines
Related to Water Taxi Operators

SN	Violation	Fine (in Dirhams)
1	Operating a Water Taxi without an authorisation from the RTA	2,000.00
2	Using a Water Taxi for other than the purposes stated in its licence	1,000.00
3	Failure to use the Stations approved by the RTA for passenger embarkation or disembarkation on Regular Trips	1,000.00
4	Failure to maintain a Water Taxi in accordance with the approved maintenance plans and schedules	2,000.00
5	Failure to maintain the internal or external cleanliness of a Water Taxi	500.00
6	Transporting hazardous materials in a Water Taxi	2,000.00
7	Non-compliance with the instructions of the PTA employees responsible for auditing and inspecting the operation of Water Taxis	500.00
8	Failure by a Water Taxi staff member to wear the uniform approved by the PTA	500.00
9	Making any modification to a Water Taxi without prior written permit from the PTA.	1,000.00
10	Non-compliance by a Water Taxi operator with the maximum number of passengers allowed	2,000.00
11	Mistreatment of passengers	500.00
12	Non-compliance with the prescribed speed limits	2,000.00

Schedule (3)
Violations and Fines
Related to Water Taxi Passengers

SN	Violation	Fine (in Dirhams)
1	Smoking in a Water Taxi	500.00
2	Tampering with, or causing partial or total damage to a Water Taxi equipment	2,000.00
3	Acting or behaving in a manner that may cause distraction to a Water Taxi skipper or obstruct his vision while operating the Water taxi	1,000.00
4	Performing any act that may result in littering a Water Taxi or Station	1,000.00
5	Committing a rude or indecent act in a Water Taxi or Station	1,000.00