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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY UNIFIED UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, the current Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule was adopted by the Whatcom County Council as Ordinance 2022-090; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Code 10.34.030 states, "Beginning January 1, 2006, a 55 percent fare box recovery rate shall be applied and evaluated continuously from that time forward. An annual review of ferry system services, actual and projected operating costs, and actual and projected revenue from ferry user fees shall occur in order to verify the 55 percent fare box recovery rate is being achieved; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Code 10.34.030 also states, "In any given year the actual fare box recovery rate is below 55 percent, the difference shall be recovered in a future ferry user fee increase unless there is adequate excess ferry user fee revenue remaining in the ferry system fund collected during prior years"; and

**WHEREAS**; An evaluation of the farebox recovery rate has been performed and a fare box fund calculator (Exhibit "B") has identified a path towards reducing the deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, It is necessary to amend the rates charged to the users of the ferry; and

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**WHEREAS**, In order for the user fees to be amended as requested on Exhibit "A", it is necessary to amend the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule is hereby amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A".

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:

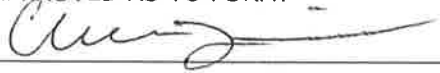
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Christopher Quinn, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

( ) Approved      ( ) Denied

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Exhibit A

## 2023 Unified Fee Schedule

### Public Works

#### Ferry & Docks

UFS	Description	2022 Rate	Rate Basis	Change	2023 Rate	Rate Basis	Authorization
2793	Passenger/Pedestrian	\$8.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$8.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2794	Passenger/Pedestrian - Multiride	\$113.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$165.00	25 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2795	Children under 12 W/Parent	FREE	1 Round Trip	No Change	FREE	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2796	<del>Resident School Children 12-18 years Sept-1 through June-30</del>	FREE	1 Round Trip	Change	FREE	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2797	Passenger/Pedestrian Children under 19 Needs Based Passenger/Pedestrian - Multiride (Senior/Disabled/Income)	\$28.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$35.00	10 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2798	Passenger/Pedestrian Post-High School Full-time Students- Multiride	\$70.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$87.50	25 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2799	Passenger/Pedestrian Lummi Tribe W/ID	FREE	<del>Feet- Passenger-Only</del> 1 Round Trip	Change	FREE	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2800	Bicycle W/Rider	\$8.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$8.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2802	Motorcycle W/Rider	\$9.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$11.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2803	Motorcycle W/Rider - Multiride	\$165.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$225.00	25 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2805	Non-Commercial Passenger Vehicle W/Driver Lummi Tribe W/ID	N/A	1 Round Trip	Change	FREE	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2806	Vehicle W/Driver < 11,000±0 lbs	\$14.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$17.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2807	Vehicle W/Driver < 11,000±0 - Multiride	\$112.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$138.00	10 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2808	Vehicle W/Driver < 11,000±0 lbs - Multiride	\$235.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$345.00	25 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2809	Needs Based Vehicle W/Driver (Senior/Disabled/Income) < 11,000 lbs Multiride	\$52.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$80.00	10 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2810	Vehicle W/Driver 11,001 - 20,000 lbs	\$33.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$39.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2812	Vehicle W/Driver 11,001 - 20,000 lbs - Multiride	\$282.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$314.00	10 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2813	Vehicle W/Driver 20,001 - 36,000 lbs	\$76.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$91.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2814	Vehicle W/Driver 20,001 - 36,000 lbs Multiride	\$648.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$910.00	10 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2815	Vehicle W/Driver 36,001 - 50,000 lbs	\$146.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$175.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2816	Vehicle W/Driver 36,001 - 50,000 lbs Multiride	\$1,243.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$1,750.00	10 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2817	Trailer under 16 feet	\$21.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$25.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2823	Trailer under 16 feet - Multiride	N/A	5 Round Trips	Change	\$125.00	5 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2818	Trailer 16 - 30 feet	\$39.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$47.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2819	Trailer 16 - 30 Feet - Multiride	N/A	5 Round Trips	Change	\$235.00	5 Round Trips	Ordinance 2021-012
2820	Trailer over 30 Feet	\$71.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$85.00	1 Round Trip	Ordinance 2021-012
2822	Special Trips after regulary scheduled runs	\$601.00	Per Trip Surcharge	Change	\$721.00	Per Trip Surcharge	Ordinance 2021-012

Exhibit B

**Fare Revenue Model for 2023 to achieve 55% Farebox Recovery (Using 2023 Ridership to model 2023 and 37% overall increase)**

Adjusted Total Operating Expense as defined in WCC	\$4,020,803	55.0%	Target Fare Revenue: portion	\$2,211,442	Result from Your Chosen Fares:
2023 budget used	\$320,000		Ticket Revenue:	\$2,082,000	Total Surplus (+) or Shortfall (-)
Est Ferry Deficit Reimbursement:	\$16,000		Total Fare Revenue:	\$2,082,000	TARGET 55% (\$129,442)
Interest:					ACTUAL 52%

Green cells have data from PWA budget. For ticket cost for other classes, either trip price OR discount can be entered)

Fare Class (does not include "free" ticket classes)	round trips/ticket	2022 tickets sold	projected change in sales	Estimated 2023 ticket sales	Inferred Estimate for 2023 Trips	Single Ride Fare (SRF)	Multiride as % of SRF	Fare per Round Trip	Total ticket or multiride price	2023 Projected Revenue	% of Rider-ship Rev	Proposed Final Price with Capital Surcharge	Ticket	2023 Proposed Pricing	2015 Applied Pricing	Rider Savings (Increase)	% Change	Per Ticket Rate Increase
Passenger / Pedestrian	1	21,549	1.00%	21,764	21,764	7.00	80.00%	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 152,351	13%	\$ 8.00	Pedestrian	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Passenger/Pedestrian Cash+ Needs Based Multiride (25->10) Post- HS full time student multiride	25	1,106	2.00%	1,128	28,203	5.60	50.00%	\$ 3.50	\$ 140.00	\$ 157,937	17%	\$ 165.00	White	\$ 88.00	\$ 140.00	\$ (58,662)	46.0%	\$ 52.00
Vehicle / Driver	25	168	2.00%	171	1,714	3.50	50.00%	\$ 3.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 5,988	1%	\$ 35.00	Red	\$ 37.00	\$ 35.00	\$ (1,200)	25.0%	\$ 7.00
Passenger / Pedestrian	1	900	1.00%	909	909	7.00	80.00%	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 6,363	0%	\$ 8.00	Bike	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Bicycle w/Rider	1	220	1.00%	222	222	10.00	80.00%	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,222	0%	\$ 11.00	Motorcycle	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ (444)	22.2%	\$ 2.00
Motorcycle w/Driver Multiride	25	9	2.00%	9	930	8.00	80.00%	\$ 8.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,836	0%	\$ 225.00	Yellow	\$ 155.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (55)	36.4%	\$ 60.00
Vehicle < 11k W/Driver Cash	1	30,665	1.00%	30,972	30,972	16.00	80.00%	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 495,546	19%	\$ 17.00	Vehicle	\$ 13.00	\$ 16.00	\$ (92,915)	21.4%	\$ 3.00
Vehicle < 11k W/Driver Multiride	10	189	2.00%	203	2,030	12.80	80.00%	\$ 12.80	\$ 128.00	\$ 25,981	1%	\$ 136.00	Drk Blue	\$ 102.00	\$ 128.00	\$ (5,277)	23.2%	\$ 26.00
Vehicle < 11k W/Driver Multiride Needs Based Vehicle W/Driver	25	2,704	2.00%	2,758	68,952	12.80	80.00%	\$ 8.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 882,586	42%	\$ 345.00	Blue	\$ 235.00	\$ 320.00	\$ (303,389)	46.8%	\$ 110.00
Vehicle/Driver - small truck < 20,000	10	486	2.00%	496	4,957	8.00	50.00%	\$ 8.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 39,658	3%	\$ 80.00	Gold	\$ 65.00	\$ 80.00	\$ (13,882)	53.8%	\$ 28.00
Vehicle/Driver - small truck < 20,000	1	786	1.00%	804	804	38.00	80.00%	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 30,550	0%	\$ 39.00	Small Truck	\$ 32.00	\$ 38.00	\$ (4,882)	18.2%	\$ 6.00
Vehicle/Driver - med truck < 36,000	10	76	2.00%	78	775	30.40	80.00%	\$ 30.40	\$ 304.00	\$ 23,566	1%	\$ 314.00	Grey	\$ 237.00	\$ 304.00	\$ (2,481)	11.3%	\$ 32.00
Vehicle/Driver - med truck < 36,000	1	325	1.00%	328	328	90.00	100.00%	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 29,543	0%	\$ 91.00	Med Truck	\$ 68.00	\$ 90.00	\$ (4,924)	19.7%	\$ 15.00
Vehicle/Driver - large truck < 50,000	10	44	2.00%	45	449	90.00	100.00%	\$ 90.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 40,392	0%	\$ 910.00	Salmon	\$ 524.00	\$ 900.00	\$ (11,759)	40.4%	\$ 262.00
Vehicle/Driver - large truck < 50,000	1	292	1.00%	295	295	174.00	100.00%	\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 51,316	0%	\$ 175.00	Large Truck	\$ 133.00	\$ 174.00	\$ (8,553)	19.9%	\$ 29.00
Trailer	10	47	2.00%	48	479	174.00	100.00%	\$ 174.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 83,416	0%	\$ 1,750.00	Purple	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ (24,306)	40.8%	\$ 507.00
Trailer < 16 feet	1	1,010		1,010	1,010	24.00	100.00%	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24,240	1%	\$ 25.00		\$ 18.00	\$ 24.00	\$ (4,040)	19.0%	\$ 4.00
Trailer < 16 feet Multiride	5	0		0	0	24.00	100.00%	\$ 24.00	\$ 120.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 125.00		\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Trailer 16-30 feet	1	484		484	484	46.00	100.00%	\$ 46.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 22,264	0%	\$ 47.00		\$ 34.00	\$ 46.00	\$ (3,872)	20.5%	\$ 8.00
Trailer 16-30 feet Multiride	5	0		0	0	46.00	100.00%	\$ 46.00	\$ 230.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 235.00		\$ -	\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Trailer > 30 feet	1	17		17	17	84.00	100.00%	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 1,428	0%	\$ 85.00		\$ 63.00	\$ 84.00	\$ (238)	19.7%	\$ 14.00
Special Trips after boat shut-down	1	7		7	7	720.00	100.00%	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 5,040	0%	\$ 721.00		\$ 578.00	\$ 720.00	\$ (840)	20.0%	\$ 120.00

Rides	164,801	37%	Blended Cost of Trips	2022	2023
Overall Revenue Increase:			Passengers	4.92	6.12
			Vehicles (for Trucks)	9.42	13.43
			Difference	(5,129,442)	80%
			Annual %		\$1.8%

Variable Controls	1.0%	2.0%	3.0%	4.0%
Vehicle	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Passenger	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Vehicle (for Trucks)	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Ped	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Fare Increase:	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%

Proposed Final Price with Capital Surcharge	Ticket	2023 Proposed Pricing	Rider Savings (Increase)	% Change	Per Ticket Rate Increase
\$ 8.00	Pedestrian	\$ 7.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
\$ 165.00	White	\$ 140.00	\$ (58,662)	46.0%	\$ 52.00
\$ 35.00	Red	\$ 35.00	\$ (1,200)	25.0%	\$ 7.00
\$ 87.50	Green	\$ 87.50	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
\$ 8.00	Bike	\$ 7.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
\$ 11.00	Motorcycle	\$ 10.00	\$ (444)	22.2%	\$ 2.00
\$ 225.00	Yellow	\$ 200.00	\$ (55)	36.4%	\$ 60.00
\$ 17.00	Vehicle	\$ 16.00	\$ (92,915)	21.4%	\$ 3.00
\$ 136.00	Drk Blue	\$ 128.00	\$ (5,277)	23.2%	\$ 26.00
\$ 345.00	Blue	\$ 320.00	\$ (303,389)	46.8%	\$ 110.00
\$ 80.00	Gold	\$ 80.00	\$ (13,882)	53.8%	\$ 28.00
\$ 39.00	Small Truck	\$ 38.00	\$ (4,882)	18.2%	\$ 6.00
\$ 314.00	Grey	\$ 304.00	\$ (2,481)	11.3%	\$ 32.00
\$ 91.00	Med Truck	\$ 90.00	\$ (4,924)	19.7%	\$ 15.00
\$ 910.00	Salmon	\$ 900.00	\$ (11,759)	40.4%	\$ 262.00
\$ 175.00	Large Truck	\$ 174.00	\$ (8,553)	19.9%	\$ 29.00
\$ 1,750.00	Purple	\$ 1,740.00	\$ (24,306)	40.8%	\$ 507.00
\$ 25.00		\$ 24.00	\$ (4,040)	19.0%	\$ 4.00
\$ 125.00		\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 47.00		\$ 46.00	\$ (3,872)	20.5%	\$ 8.00
\$ 235.00		\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 85.00		\$ 84.00	\$ (238)	19.7%	\$ 14.00
\$ 721.00		\$ 720.00	\$ (840)	20.0%	\$ 120.00

Assumptions: Designed to maintain passenger fare at \$7 in an effort to get closer to the passenger-to-vehicle ratio used by WSF of 1:3. Increased Single Ride fares 20% to provide revenue for larger multiride discount. Not enough to arrest 2023, but may work a light in long run. Dropped discount for multiride trucks.