

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 currently 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 currently 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, Whatcom County Public Works is currently in the process of updating WCC 10.34 to provide clarification of fare box calculations and the use of other approved funding within that calculation; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated changes to WCC 10.34 do not affect this proposed fare change; and

WHEREAS, the Ferry Fare section of the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule has had some housekeeping updates to mirror the language in section 10.34.020 (Interpretation of rate schedule); and

WHEREAS, an evaluation of the fare box recovery rate has been performed for 2023 and a fare revenue calculator (Exhibit "B") has identified a path forward towards reducing the 2023 budgeted fare deficit; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, in order for the user fees to be amended as requested on Exhibit "A", it
2 is necessary to amend the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule.
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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the
5 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule is hereby amended as set forth in the attached
6 Exhibit "A".
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8 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**

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10 **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 20____.

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14 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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21 WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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25 *Approved by email/C Quinn/
C Russell*
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27 Christopher Quinn, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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32 Date Signed: _____
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Public Works has worked with the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee to distribute this increase between fare categories with a bias toward minimizing the impact to needs based fares and multiride vehicle passes.

Enclosures:

- Exhibit "A" Unified Fee Schedule
- Exhibit "B" Fare Box Fund Calculator

Contact:

If you need any additional information please contact Randy Rydel at extension 6217.

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	No Change	\$8.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
NEW	Passenger/Pedestrian	N/A	10 Round Trips	Change	\$62.50	10 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
NEW	Passenger/Pedestrian	N/A	20 Round Trips	Change	\$125.00	20 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2794	Passenger/Pedestrian - Multiride	\$113.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$165.00	25 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2795	Children under 12 W/Parent	FREE	1 Round Trip	No Change	FREE	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2796	Resident School Children 12-18 years Sept 1 through June 30	FREE	1 Round Trip	Change	FREE	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
NEW	Passenger/Pedestrian Children under 19	N/A	1 Round Trip	Change	FREE	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2797	Needs Based Passenger/Pedestrian - Multiride (Senior/Disabled/Income)	\$28.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$32.00	10 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2798	Passenger/Pedestrian	\$70.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$80.00	25 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2799	Post-High School Full-time Students- Multiride	FREE	Feet-Passenger-Only	Change	FREE	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2800	Lummi Tribe W/ID	\$8.00	1 Round Trip	No Change	\$8.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2802	Bicycle W/Rider	\$9.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$10.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2803	Motorcycle W/Rider - Multiride	\$165.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$193.75	25 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
NEW	Non-Commercial Passenger Vehicle W/Driver	N/A	1 Round Trip	Change	FREE	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2806	Lummi Tribe W/ID	\$14.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$16.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2807	Vehicle W/Driver < 11,000 lbs	\$112.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$122.50	10 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
NEW	Vehicle W/Driver < 11,000 lbs - Multiride	N/A	20 Round Trips	Change	\$245.00	20 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2808	Vehicle W/Driver < 11,000 lbs - Multiride	\$235.00	25 Round Trips	Change	\$345.00	25 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2809	Needs Based Vehicle W/Driver (Senior/Disabled/Income) < 11,000 lbs Multiride	\$52.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$60.00	10 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2810	Vehicle W/Driver 11,001 - 20,000 lbs	\$33.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$37.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2812	Vehicle W/Driver 11,001 - 20,000 lbs - Multiride	\$282.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$370.00	10 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2813	Vehicle W/Driver 20,001 - 36,000 lbs	\$76.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$91.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2814	Vehicle W/Driver 20,001 - 36,000 lbs Multiride	\$648.00	10 Round Trips	Change	\$910.00	10 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2815	Vehicle W/Driver 36,001 - 50,000 lbs	\$146.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$175.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	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 WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2817	Trailer under 16 feet	\$21.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$23.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
NEW	Trailer under 16 feet - Multiride	N/A	5 Round Trips	Change	\$115.00	5 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2818	Trailer 16 - 30 feet	\$39.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$44.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
new	Trailer 16 - 30 Feet - Multiride	N/A	5 Round Trips	Change	\$220.00	5 Round Trips WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2820	Trailer over 30 Feet	\$71.00	1 Round Trip	Change	\$79.00	1 Round Trip WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012
2822	Special Trips after regulary scheduled runs	\$601.00	Per Trip Surcharge	Change	\$673.00	Per Trip Surcharge WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2021-012

Exhibit B

Fare Proposal 3-13-2023 Target 25% increase, 6 months in place

Adjusted Total Operating Expense as defined in HOC		Green cells have data from PWA budget.		Target Fare Revenue:		Result from Your Chosen Fares:		Full year proposed increase \$1,912,000		Months of new rate 6		Anticipated value of increase \$188,500		Summary of Changes	
\$3,784,803 2023 Budget Used		55.0%		portion \$2,081,642		Total Surplus (+) or Shortfall (-)		\$1,912,000		Full year proposed increase \$1,912,000		Months of new rate 6		Anticipated value of increase \$188,500	
Est MVFT due to Ferry:		\$235,000		Full Year Ticket Revenue:		TARGET 55% (\$169,642)									
Est Ferry Deficit Reimbursement:		\$320,000		Total Fare Revenue:		ACTUAL 51%									
Interest, Employee Credit and Other:		\$22,000													

For ticket cost for other classes, either trip price OR discount can be entered).

Fare Class (does not include "free" ticket classes)	round trips/boast	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	Proposed Final Price		Ticket	2011 Applied Pricing	2015 Applied Pricing	2023 Proposed Pricing	Rider Savings (Increase)	% Change	Per Ticket Rate Increase
												Ticket Price with Capital Surchage	Per Trip Cost							
Passenger / Pedestrian	Passenger/Pedestrian Cash*	1	21,554	1.40%	21,856	21,856	75.0%	\$ 5.25	\$ 131.25	\$ 147,196	13%	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	Pedestrian	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
	Passenger/Pedestrian Multiride	25	1,108	1.40%	28,037	28,037	75.0%	\$ 5.25	\$ 131.25	\$ 147,196	13%	\$ 166.25	\$ 6.25	White	\$ 115.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 131.25	\$ (48,504)	38.3%	\$ 43.25
	Needs Based Multiride (25->10)	10	168	1.40%	1,704	1,704	3.20	\$ 3.20	\$ 32.00	\$ 5,451	1%	\$ 32.00	\$ 3.20	Red	\$ 37.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 32.00	\$ (8.00)	14.3%	\$ 4.00
	Post- HS All time student multiride	25	0		0	0	3.20	\$ 3.20	\$ 32.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 80.00	\$ 3.20	Green	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -	14.3%	\$ 10.00
Vehicle / Driver	Bicycle w/Driver	1	901	1.40%	914	914	75.0%	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 6,395	0%	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	Bike	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
	Motorcycle w/Driver	1	220	1.40%	223	223	9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 2,008	0%	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Motorcycle	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00	\$ (223)	11.1%	\$ 1.00
	Motorcycle w/Driver Multiride	25	9	1.40%	228	228	75.0%	\$ 6.75	\$ 168.75	\$ 1,540	0%	\$ 193.75	\$ 7.75	Yellow	\$ 155.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 168.75	\$ (282)	17.4%	\$ 28.75
	Vehicle < 11k W/Driver Cash	1	30,567	1.40%	30,995	30,995	15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 484,924	19%	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	Vehicle	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 15.00	\$ (61,990)	14.3%	\$ 2.00
	Vehicle < 11k W/Driver Multiride	10	189	1.40%	202	202	11.25	\$ 11.25	\$ 112.50	\$ 22,701	1%	\$ 122.50	\$ 12.25	OH Blue	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 112.50	\$ (2,119)	9.4%	\$ 10.50
	*New Vehicle < 11k W/Driver Multiride	20										\$ 245.00	\$ 12.25	*New* Card	\$ 235.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 281.25	\$ (195,357)	30.3%	\$ 71.25
	Vehicle < 11k W/Driver Multiride	25	2,704	1.40%	69,546	69,546	11.25	\$ 11.25	\$ 281.25	\$ 771,147	42%	\$ 306.25	\$ 12.25	*Retiring* Blue	\$ 265.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 281.25	\$ (154,542)	35.4%	\$ 71.25
	Needs Based Vehicle W/Driver	10	486	1.40%	493	493	40.0%	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 29,568	3%	\$ 60.00	\$ 6.00	Gold	\$ 65.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 60.00	\$ (3,942)	15.4%	\$ 8.00
	Vehicle/Driver - small truck < 20,000	1	812	1.40%	823	823	36.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 29,641	1%	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00	Small Truck	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 36.00	\$ (3,293)	12.1%	\$ 4.00
	Vehicle - small truck Multiride	10	76	1.40%	77	77	100.0%	\$ 36.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 27,743	0%	\$ 370.00	\$ 37.00	Grey	\$ 237.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 360.00	\$ (6,782)	31.2%	\$ 88.00
	Vehicle/Driver - med truck < 36,000	1	326	1.40%	331	331	90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 29,751	0%	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	Med Truck	\$ 68.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ (4,359)	19.7%	\$ 15.00
	Vehicle - med truck Multiride	10	44	1.40%	45	45	100.0%	\$ 90.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 40,154	0%	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	Salmon	\$ 524.00	\$ 538.00	\$ 900.00	\$ (11,689)	40.4%	\$ 282.00
	Vehicle/Driver - large truck < 50,000	1	279	1.40%	283	283	174.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 49,226	0%	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	Large Truck	\$ 133.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 174.00	\$ (8,204)	19.9%	\$ 29.00
	Vehicle - large truck Multiride	10	47	1.40%	47	47	100.0%	\$ 174.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 82,925	0%	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 175.00	Purple	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 1,233.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ (24,163)	40.8%	\$ 507.00
Trailer	Trailer < 16 feet	1	991		991	991	22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 21,802	1%	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00		\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00	\$ (1,982)	9.5%	\$ 2.00
	Trailer < 16 feet Multiride	5	0		0	0	100.0%	\$ 22.00	\$ 110.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 115.00	\$ 23.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
	Trailer 16-30 feet	1	481		481	481	43.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 20,683	0%	\$ 44.00	\$ 44.00		\$ 34.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 43.00	\$ (2,409)	12.8%	\$ 5.00
	Trailer 16-30 feet Multiride	5	0		0	0	100.0%	\$ 43.00	\$ 215.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 220.00	\$ 44.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
	Trailer > 30 feet	1	16		16	16	78.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 1,248	0%	\$ 79.00	\$ 79.00		\$ 63.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 78.00	\$ (128)	11.3%	\$ 8.00
Special Trips after boat shut-down		1	7		7	7	672.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 4,704	0%	\$ 673.00	\$ 673.00		\$ 578.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 672.00	\$ (504)	12.0%	\$ 72.00