



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

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Ordinance 17130

Proposed No. 2011-0247.3

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;
2 revising rates of fare; amending Ordinance 11033, Section
3 3 (part), and K.C.C 28.92.115, Ordinance 13480, Section 2,
4 as amended, and K.C.C. 4.150.010, Ordinance 12643,
5 Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.210, Ordinance
6 12643, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.210,
7 Ordinance 12643, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C.
8 28.94.265, Ordinance 11033, Section 5, as amended, and
9 K.C.C. 28.94.020 and Ordinance 12643, Section 15, and
10 K.C.C. 28.94.225, adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter
11 4.150 and recodifying K.C.C. 28.94.150, K.C.C. 28.94.160,
12 K.C.C. 28.94.165, K.C.C. 28.94.170, K.C.C. 28.94.180,
13 K.C.C. 28.94.185, K.C.C. 28.94.190, K.C.C. 28.94.195,
14 K.C.C. 28.94.200, K.C.C. 28.94.210, K.C.C. 28.94.215,
15 K.C.C. 28.94.220, K.C.C. 28.94.230, K.C.C. 28.94.235,
16 K.C.C. 28.94.240, K.C.C. 28.94.245 and K.C.C. 28.94.260.

17 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

18 1. The rollout of the smart card system for regional fare payment -- One
19 Regional Card for All ("ORCA") -- and start of operations of Sound

20 Transit's Link light rail service have resulted in fare coordination issues
21 for customers of public transportation in the region.

22 2. The 2010/2011 Biennium Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16717, Section
23 131, Proviso P6, for the Metro transit division, calls for the undertaking of
24 a fare coordination effort with Sound Transit and other regional transit
25 agencies.

26 3. Staff from the regional transit agencies assembled information on
27 existing and proposed transit fares, identified opportunities for further
28 regional coordination and reviewed these opportunities with the general
29 managers of the transit agencies participating in the ORCA fare payment
30 system in March 2010.

31 4. In April 2010, Sound Transit, in coordination with King County Metro
32 transit and the other transit agencies, adopted fare changes to be
33 implemented in 2010 and 2011 that will simplify fare payment for Sound
34 Transit's riders within each county and provide Metro opportunities to
35 align fares with Sound Transit to further simplify fare payment for transit
36 riders in King County.

37 5. The changes proposed in this ordinance would align fares on bus and
38 light-rail service for youth riders throughout King County. Recognizing
39 the impacts this has on public school districts' budgets, the fare change
40 will be phased in over two years for the public school districts.

41 6. To provide another youth fare option for public school districts, the
42 Metro transit division has the authority to enter into institutional pass

43 agreements with educational institutions, and these agreements may have
44 the benefits of limiting cost growth and reducing burdensome
45 implementation requirements for participating public school districts.

46 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

47 SECTION 1. Section 2 of this ordinance clarifies the pricing for transit holiday
48 service that falls on weekdays. Section 4 of this ordinance changes fares charged for
49 county public transportation services on the bus system. Sections 5 and 7 of this
50 ordinance phase in the price change for youth passes purchased by public school districts.
51 These fees are assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

52 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11033, Section 3 (part), and K.C.C. 28.92.115 are each
53 hereby amended to read as follows:

54 Peak period trip means any scheduled weekday trip that reaches its destination
55 between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m. or leaves its origin between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., excluding
56 weekdays on which the following holidays are legally observed: New Year's Day;
57 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor
58 Day; Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

59 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this ordinance takes effect July 1, 2011.

60 SECTION 4. Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.150.010 are
61 each hereby amended to read as follows:

62 A. Except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance, the following fare
63 categories and rates are established for regularly scheduled county public transportation
64 service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars:

	Off-peak	One-zone Peak	Two-zone Peak
Regular fare	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$3.00
Child fare	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth fare	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.25</u>	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.25</u>	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.25</u>
Seniors and persons with disabilities fare	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75

65 The fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following:

- 66 1. The descriptions of transit zones are set forth in K.C.C. 28.94.030;
- 67 2. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are
68 set forth in K.C.C. 28.92.115 and 28.92.100 except as to streetcar service, which may be
69 priced at peak fares;
- 70 3. The child fare is available to persons up to six years old when accompanied
71 by a responsible person paying the proper fare as set forth in this chapter. Up to four
72 children may ride with each responsible person;
- 73 4. The youth fare is available to persons from six through eighteen years old and
74 persons over eighteen years old who receive student passes under the provisions of K.C.C
75 28.94.210, as recodified by this ordinance;
- 76 5. The senior and persons with disabilities fare is available to persons who apply
77 for and receive a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to persons at
78 least sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional reduced
79 fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255; and

80 6. A person with a disability who has been issued an “attendant ride free” permit
81 by the department may be accompanied by an attendant, who is not required to pay a fare.

82 B. A fare in subsection A. of this section is paid when a person pays the
83 appropriate amount in cash or presents an appropriate pass, transfer or other fare payment
84 media established under, and used in accordance with, this chapter.

85 C. ~~((The following fare media are established for use on regularly scheduled
86 county public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles
87 and streetcars:~~

88 ~~Regional fare media:))~~

89 1. Regional and institutional passes, in various single-trip value denominations
90 and for various effective periods, may be issued and sold in accordance with the terms of
91 an agreement approved by the county council and entered into with other public
92 transportation providers in the region. Institutions include employers, groups of
93 employers, educational institutions, transportation management associations and other
94 organizations. The various effective periods, single-trip values and prices for the regional
95 and institutional passes shall be established by the agreement. A valid regional or
96 institutional pass may be presented an unlimited number of times during its effective
97 period as full or partial payment of the applicable fare. To the extent the single trip value
98 of the regional pass is not sufficient to cover the applicable fare, the rider shall pay the
99 difference in cash or from an electronic stored value product, such as e_purse.

100 2. For institutions entering into an annual institutional pass agreement, the
101 following schedule of calculations shall determine the cost of the annual agreement for
102 Metro's portion of the agreement:

- 103 First twelve months: Trip Revenue (TR) x baseline trips
104 Second twelve months: (TR x baseline trips) + [(TR x added trips) x 1/3]
105 Third twelve months: (TR x baseline trips) + [(TR x added trips) x 2/3]
106 Fourth twelve months (and subsequent 12 month periods): (TR x baseline trips) + (TR x
107 added trips):

108 For purposes of this formula, "added trips" means those trips taken during the
109 prior twelve months, determined either from surveys or electronic counting of actual
110 institutional pass use, which exceed the number of baseline trips established at the
111 execution of the institutional pass agreement. Electronic counts of one month or more
112 will be annualized and used in lieu of survey results if available.

113 For purposes of this formula, "baseline trips" means the estimated number of
114 transit trips taken by the contracting party's covered population of students, employees or
115 others, or any combination thereof, in the twelve months preceding execution of the
116 institutional pass agreement. Baseline trips may be adjusted on an annual basis to
117 account for changes in the number of eligible employees.

118 For purposes of this formula, in the event a party terminates or does not renew an
119 institutional pass agreement, any subsequent institutional pass agreement entered into
120 with that party shall be priced as if in the "fourth twelve months and thereafter" category.

121 For purposes of this formula, "trip revenue" or "TR" means the weighted average
122 fare per trip determined by the department.

123 D. The rate of fare for paratransit service shall be \$1.25 per trip and \$45.00 for a
124 monthly pass.

125 E. The rate of fare for customized bus service to residents of Center Park, a
126 facility of the Seattle Housing Authority located at 2121 26th Avenue South, Seattle, is
127 equal to the paratransit fares specified in subsection D. of this section.

128 SECTION 5. Ordinance 12643, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.210
129 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

130 The executive is authorized to execute agreements with public school districts to
131 supply students with passes in connection with special school programs, but the price for
132 passes under the agreements shall be established at a rate of thirty-six ~~((times the youth
133 fare set forth in this chapter))~~ dollars for each month in which these passes are valid, and
134 the passes shall be ~~((valid only))~~ valued at the youth fare established in K.C.C. 4.150.010
135 for rides on regularly scheduled county public transportation service on buses, trolleys,
136 transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars.

137 SECTION 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this ordinance take effect September 1, 2011.

138 SECTION 7. Ordinance 12643, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.210
139 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

140 The executive is authorized to execute agreements with public school districts to
141 supply students with passes in connection with special school programs, but the price for
142 passes under the agreements shall be established at a rate of thirty-six ~~((dollars))~~ times the
143 youth fare in K.C.C. 4.150.010 for each month in which these passes are valid, and the
144 passes shall be ~~((valued at the youth fare established in K.C.C. 4.150.010 for rides on
145 regularly scheduled county public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans,
146 dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars))~~ regional passes as defined in K.C.C.4.150.010.

147 SECTION 8. Section 7 of this ordinance takes effect July 1, 2012.

148 SECTION 9. K.C.C. 28.94.150, K.C.C. 28.94.160, K.C.C. 28.94.165, K.C.C.
149 28.94.170, K.C.C. 28.94.180, K.C.C. 28.94.185, K.C.C. 28.94.190, K.C.C. 28.94.195,
150 K.C.C. 28.94.200, K.C.C. 28.94.210, K.C.C. 28.94.215, K.C.C. 28.94.220, K.C.C.
151 28.94.230, K.C.C. 28.94.235, K.C.C. 28.94.240, K.C.C. 28.94.245 and K.C.C. 28.94.260
152 are hereby recodified as new sections in K.C.C. chapter 4.150.

153 SECTION 10. Ordinance 12643, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.265
154 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

155 The director shall submit annually to the council, by no later than the date on
156 which the executive transmits the executive proposed budget to the council, a report on
157 the services and fares authorized by K.C.C. 28.94.035, 28.94.180, as recodified by this
158 ordinance, 28.94.185, as recodified by this ordinance, 28.94.190, as recodified by this
159 ordinance, 18.94.195, as recodified by this ordinance, 28.94.200, as recodified by this
160 ordinance, 28.94.210, as recodified by this ordinance, 28.94.215, as recodified by this
161 ordinance, 28.94.220, as recodified by this ordinance, 28.94.225, 28.94.230, as recodified
162 by this ordinance, 28.94.235, as recodified by this ordinance, 28.94.240, as recodified by
163 this ordinance, and 28.94.245, as recodified by this ordinance.

164 SECTION 11. Ordinance 11033, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.020
165 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

166 The director shall implement the system of public transit routes and services
167 described in this section.

168 A. Regular routes shall include numbered routes and descriptions therefor as
169 established and revised from time to time by the council. The regular routes, including
170 implementation dates, shall be described in a document called "Public Transit Regular

171 Routes." The director shall ensure that said routes shall be operated and implemented
172 except as otherwise provided in this section.

173 B. Changes to regular routes shall be subject to approval by the council except as
174 specifically provided in this section.

175 1. The director is authorized to approve and implement the following changes of
176 established routes and schedules and to update the "Public Transit Regular Routes"
177 document accordingly:

178 a. ~~((A))~~any single change or cumulative changes in a service schedule
179 ~~((which))~~ that affect the established weekly service hours for a route by twenty-five
180 percent or less~~((:))~~;

181 b. ~~((A))~~any change in route location ~~((which))~~ that does not move the location
182 of any route stop by more than one half mile~~((:))~~; and

183 c. ~~((A))~~any changes in route numbers.

184 2. In addition, if, in the opinion of the director, an emergency exists ~~((which))~~
185 that requires any change to established routes, schedules or classes of service, the director
186 may implement such a change for such a period as may be necessary in the director's
187 judgment or until such a time as the council shall establish by ordinance otherwise. Such
188 changes ~~((which))~~ that the director intends to be permanent shall be reported in writing to
189 the chair of the council. If an emergency exists as provided for in this subsection B.2, the
190 director may waive or discount fares otherwise established in K.C.C. chapter 4.150.

191 C. Other routes, such as but not limited to tripper service, limited, special,
192 customized and other types of transit routes, may be established by the director consistent
193 with annual appropriations and the comprehensive plan.

194 D. The director shall establish transit schedules for all routes and classes of
195 service consistent with annual appropriations and the comprehensive plan.

196 E. The director shall periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of all
197 public transit routes and services, requests for changes to the routes and services, and the
198 requirements of the comprehensive plan and shall prepare recommendations to the
199 council for changes to routes and services.

200 F. Within service area boundaries approved by the council and consistent with
201 annual appropriations and the comprehensive plan, the director is authorized to plan,
202 implement and modify dial-a-ride service (DART), including, but not limited to,
203 establishing general routes from which vehicles may deviate in response to demand.

204 G. The director is authorized and directed to establish such guidelines, and
205 procedures as may be necessary to implement the policies set forth in this chapter. In
206 establishing such guidelines and procedures, the director shall provide for consultation
207 with citizens and each component jurisdiction in advance of any major route or service
208 changes affecting such jurisdictions.

209 SECTION 12. Ordinance 12643, Section 15, and K.C.C. 28.94.225 are each
210 hereby amended to read as follows:

211 The executive is authorized to execute agreements to provide ride free services
212 within geographic areas(~~(, provided, that)~~). Any such agreements shall be subject to
213 approval by the council.

214 NEW SECTION. SECTION 13. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.150
215 a new section to read as follows:

216 The definitions in K.C.C. chapter 28.92 apply to this chapter.

217 NEW SECTION. SECTION 14. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.150

218 a new section to read as follows:

219 If an emergency exists as provided for in K.C.C. 28.94.020.B.2, the director may
220 waive or discount fares otherwise established in this chapter.

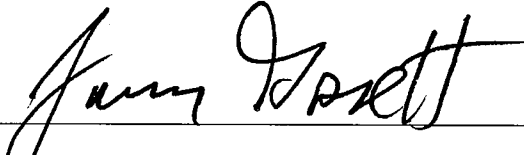
221 SECTION 15. In negotiating student pass agreements, the executive is directed to
222 work with public school districts to identify measures that have the potential to limit cost
223 growth to the school districts and reduce burdensome implementation requirements for
224 the school districts, including but not limited to the use of institutional pass programs by

225 the public school districts. A school district may purchase institutional passes valid only
226 on Metro Transit and Sound Transit.
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Ordinance 17130 was introduced on 5/23/2011 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/27/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.
McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 0

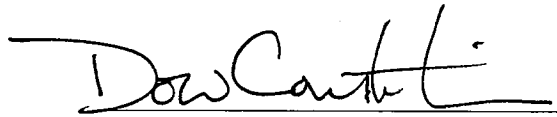
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of JULY, 2011.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None