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Introduced by:

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ORDINANCE NO. **11650**

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transit policies, rules, and procedures, and amending Ordinance No. 11033, Section 4, as amended and K.C.C. 28.94.010.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 11033, Section 4 and K.C.C.

28.94.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

RATES OF FARE FOR TRANSIT PROGRAM

A. The following fare categories and rates for regularly scheduled public transportation service on bus, trolley, and streetcar routes within the entire transit service area are hereby established:

Full Fares	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Cash	85¢	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.60
Monthly Pass	\$30.50	\$39.50	\$39.50	\$57.50
Three Month Pass	N/A	\$109.00	N/A	\$159.00
Annual Pass	\$336.00	\$435.00	\$435.00	\$633.00

Weekend/Holiday All-Day Pass	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Cash	\$1.70	N/A	\$1.70	N/A

Children's Fare	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Up to four children under age five ride free per Section A.3	Free	Free	Free	Free

Youth Fare	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Cash	75¢	75¢	75¢	75¢

Family Fare	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Cash	85¢	N/A	\$1.10	N/A

Senior Fares	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Cash	25¢	25¢	25¢	25¢
Monthly Pass	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75
Annual Pass	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00

Fares for Persons with Disabilities	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Cash	25¢	25¢	25¢	25¢
Monthly Pass	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75
Annual Pass	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00

Center Park	One-Zone Off-Peak	One-Zone Peak	Two-Zone Off-Peak	Two-Zone Peak
Cash	35¢	35¢	35¢	35¢

Such fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following terms:

1. Monthly, three month and annual passes may be issued, sold, and consigned at the rates set forth in this section, entitling the holder thereof to an unlimited number of rides subject to the zone and time-of-day limitations applicable to the type of pass held. The one- and two-zone trip limitations are set forth in Section 28.94.115 and 28.92.100. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are set forth in Section 28.94.030. Pass holders that have passes with a single-trip value less than the proper fare shall pay the cash difference.

2. A weekend/holiday All-Day Pass may be issued and sold to be valid only on Saturdays, Sundays or those legal holidays when reduced service schedules are in effect. Upon payment of the All-Day Pass fare set forth in this section, persons five years of age or older may receive an All-Day Pass which shall entitle the user to unlimited riding within the entire transit service area on regularly scheduled public transportation service and which shall be valid only for the day on which said pass is purchased.

3. When accompanied by a responsible person paying the proper fare as set forth in this section, up to four children under five years of age shall be entitled to ride free.

4. A youth fare at the rate set forth in this section shall be available to persons from five (5) through seventeen (17) years of age and persons over seventeen (17) years of age who attend regular sessions of junior or senior high school.

1 The director is authorized to issue a monthly youth pass at a
2 rate equal to twenty-four (24) times the youth fare, which pass
3 shall entitle the holder to unlimited riding within the entire
4 transit service area on regularly scheduled public
5 transportation service.

6 5. A family fare on regularly scheduled public
7 transportation service shall be valid on Sundays and on those
8 legal holidays when reduced schedules are in effect. Upon
9 payment of the proper fare as set forth in this section, any
10 person eighteen years of age or older may be accompanied by up
11 to four persons seventeen years of age or under without payment
12 of any additional fare.

13 6. Persons at least sixty-five (65) years of age who
14 apply for and receive a regional reduced fare permit shall be
15 entitled to unlimited riding within the entire transit service
16 area on regularly scheduled public transportation service upon
17 payment of the senior fares set forth in this section.

18 7. Persons with disabilities who apply for and receive
19 a regional reduced fare permit shall be entitled to unlimited
20 riding within the entire transit service area on regularly
21 scheduled public transportation service upon presentation of
22 the permit and payment of the fare set forth in this section
23 for persons with disabilities. An attendant, when accompanying
24 a fare-paying person with a disability who can ride transit
25 only with the assistance of such an attendant all or some of
26 the time and who has been issued an "Attendant Ride Free"
27 permit pursuant to this ordinance, shall be entitled to ride
28 free.

29 8. In accordance with the Motion adopted by the Council
30 of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle on June 3, 1993,
31 the rate of fare for customized bus service to residents of
32 Center Park, a facility of the Seattle Housing Authority
33 located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, shall be
34 increased from 35¢ to an amount equal to the full-fare, one-

1 zone, off-peak cash transit fare upon the commencement of the
2 Access Transportation Program.

3 B. The director is authorized to issue, sell, consign,
4 and/or accept tickets, tokens, commodities or certificates at
5 rates equal to the equivalent cash fare. In order to implement
6 the consignment of fare media as authorized under this
7 paragraph and paragraph A above, the director is authorized to
8 enter into retail consignment contracts to pay commissions to
9 outlets which sell Metro fare media. Unless otherwise agreed
10 to in a contract approved by the Metropolitan County Council,
11 the director is authorized to pay commissions at the rates set
12 forth in the following schedule.

13	Category A Outlets:	\$1.00 per pass sold
14		.40 per ticketbook sold
15		.10 per Reduced Fare Sticker sold
16	Category B Outlets:	\$.50 per pass sold
17		.50 per ticketbook sold
18		.10 per Reduced Fare Sticker sold
19	Category C Outlets:	\$.10 per Reduced Fare Sticker sold

20 Category A outlets are those outlets operated by a single
21 entity which is able to:

- 22 1. Provide a minimum of 25 outlets, open over eight hours
- 23 per day, seven days a week, with broad geographic coverage
- 24 across the county, including the City of Seattle central
- 25 business district;
- 26 2. Include transit promotions in its regular advertising;
- 27 3. Sell a minimum of 15,000 fare media items a month; and
- 28 4. Provide substantial administrative cost savings to the
- 29 department by performing its own distribution of fare media to
- 30 multiple outlets and by remitting sales revenue from multiple
- 31 outlets in a single payment.

32 Category B outlets are any non-Category A outlets located
33 in the City of Seattle central business district. Category C
34 outlets are any non-Category A outlets located outside the City
35 of Seattle central business district.

36 C. The director shall establish a system of transfers to
37 permit a person paying the proper fare to ride regularly

1 scheduled service in any direction subject to the zone and
2 time-of-day limitations applicable to the transfer. The holder
3 of a transfer of a lesser value than the proper fare shall pay
4 the cash difference. The time limit for transfers shall not
5 exceed two and one-half hours from time of issuance.

6 D. The director is authorized to negotiate and enter into
7 agreements with employers, groups of employers, educational
8 institutions, and transportation management associations for
9 the purpose of selling passes for distribution and use by
10 employees and/or students. At a minimum, such agreements shall
11 contain the following terms.

12 1. A description of the type of pass to be sold. Passes
13 sold under such agreements shall be flexpasses or monthly,
14 three-month, or annual passes.

15 2. For FlexPass agreements: a description of the
16 services and benefits available to the FlexPass holder, of
17 which there shall be at least two services or benefits provided
18 by the other party to the agreement that are in addition to the
19 transit element, the designation of a transportation
20 coordinator and the distribution of alternative commuting
21 information; the number of passes to be issued and the cost
22 thereof, the cost of issuing additional and replacement passes
23 during the term of the agreement, a schedule of payments and an
24 agreement term not to exceed three years in duration. Unless
25 otherwise agreed to by the metropolitan county council, the
26 price terms for the transit element of a FlexPass agreement
27 shall be established according to the following schedule of
28 annual calculations. ((to recover at least the baseline transit
29 fare revenue from flexpass holders, and)) Further, the
30 agreement shall require reimbursement of the cost of additional
31 services provided by the department ((under such agreements
32 The baseline transit fare revenue shall be based on a weighted
33 average fare determine by the department and estimated usage
34 based on surveys of the passholder population, with a)) and

1 shall include provisions for modification due to changes in
2 fares and program fees. ((and pass-usage))

3 First twelve months: Trip Revenue x Baseline Trips

4 Second twelve months: (TR x Baseline Trips) + [(TR x Added
5 Trips) x 1/3]

6 Third twelve months: (TR x Baseline Trips) + [(TR x Added
7 Trips) x 2/3]

8 Fourth twelve months and thereafter: (TR x Baseline Trips) +
9 [(TR x Added Trips)]

10 For purposes of this formula, the term, "Trip Revenue" or "TR,"
11 shall mean the weighted average fare per trip determined by the
12 department.

13 For purposes of this formula, the term, "Baseline Trips," shall
14 mean the estimated number of transit trips taken by the
15 contracting party's covered population of students and/or
16 employees in the twelve months preceding execution of the
17 FlexPass agreement. Baseline Trips may be adjusted on an annual
18 basis to account for changes in the number of eligible
19 employees.

20 For purposes of this formula, the term, "Added Trips," shall
21 mean those trips taken during the prior twelve months,
22 determined either from surveys or electronic counting of actual
23 flexpass use, which exceed the number of Baseline Trips
24 established at the execution of the FlexPass agreement.
25 Electronic counts of one month or more will be annualized and
26 used in lieu of survey results if available.

1 In the event a party terminates or does not renew a FlexPass
2 agreement, any subsequent FlexPass agreement entered into with
3 that party shall be priced as if in the "fourth twelve months."

4 3. For annual pass agreements: the cost of the passes,
5 the cost of issuing additional and replacement passes during
6 the term of the agreement, the level of subsidy provided by the
7 purchasing entity, a schedule of payments and an agreement term
8 not to exceed one year. To be eligible for agreements, the
9 purchasing entity must subsidize at least fifty percent (50%)
10 of the cost of the passes and make the passes available to at
11 least two hundred fifty (250) employees. The cost of annual
12 passes under such agreements shall consist of the regular one
13 and two zone rates set forth in this section less deductions,
14 if any, based on the percentage difference between the
15 department's "full time usage" estimate and the estimated
16 actual pass usage of the purchasing entity's employees. A
17 maximum deduction of fifty percent (50%) may be made from the
18 regular one and two zone rates under such agreements.

19 E. The director is authorized to issue and sell visitor
20 passes entitling the holders thereof to transportation services
21 as specified by the passes, provided such issuance is not
22 expected to require the addition of regularly scheduled
23 service. The director shall establish the rates of fare, the
24 number of visitor passes and the extent of services available
25 under said passes based on the estimated average visitor usage
26 and the administrative costs of issuing the passes. Said
27 passes may be valid for a period not to exceed seven (7)
28 consecutive days. The director is further authorized to issue
29 and sell said passes to travel, convention and special event
30 groups for quantities over one hundred (100) at a rate that is
31 not less than seventy (70) percent of the established visitor
32 rate. Visitor pass privileges shall commence and terminate on
33 the date(s) for which the passes are valid.

1 F. The director is authorized to establish rates of fare
2 for vanpools, provided that the rates of fare are established
3 at a level reasonably estimated to recover the operating and
4 capital costs of, and at least twenty-five (25) percent of the
5 cost of administering, the vanpool program.

6 G. The director is authorized to establish rates of fare
7 for limited service to special or seasonal activities or
8 events, provided such rates of fare and any contributions are
9 established at a level reasonably estimated to recover at least
10 twenty-five (25) percent of the marginal cost for the service
11 hours provided. In addition, the rates of fare for limited
12 service shall be established at a level at least equal to the
13 rates of fare for equivalent regularly scheduled service. If,
14 however, the limited service is not equivalent to any regular
15 service, then the rates of fare shall be no less than one-half
16 of the one-zone, off-peak cash fare set forth in this section.
17 Such limited services shall be on an individual fare-paying
18 basis and be scheduled according to such routes, schedules and
19 dates as are determined by the director.

20 H. The director is authorized to establish rates of fare
21 for customized bus service, provided such rates of fare are
22 established at a level reasonably estimated to recover at least
23 eighty (80) percent of the marginal cost for the service hours
24 provided. Such customized services shall be on an individual
25 fare-paying basis and be regularly scheduled according to such
26 routes, schedules and dates as are determined by the director.
27 There shall be no zone fares charged on customized bus service.
28 Senior citizens, disabled, employee or other special passes or
29 permits may be honored on customized bus service insofar as
30 consistent with overall cost recovery requirements set forth
31 above. Transfers may be issued on customized bus service.

32 I. The following procedure and rate of fare shall be used
33 for animals riding on coaches. For small animals that do not
34 occupy space other than the lap of the person accompanying the
35 animal and for assistive animals, there shall be no fare

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1 charged. For all other animals, a fare equivalent to the fare
2 paid by the individual accompanying the animal shall be charged
3 and a transfer issued upon request except that no zone fare
4 shall be charged. Animals riding on coaches shall be leashed
5 or otherwise restrained and shall not pose a problem of health,
6 injury to property or persons, or disturbance to other
7 passengers.

8 J. The executive or the director, if designated by the
9 executive, is authorized to execute agreements with public
10 school districts to supply students with passes in connection
11 with special school programs; provided, that such agreements
12 shall be subject to approval by the metropolitan county
13 council.

14 K. The executive or the director, if designated by the
15 executive, is authorized to execute agreements with local,
16 state and federal governmental entities to provide public
17 transportation services to their employees; provided, that such
18 agreements shall be subject to approval by the metropolitan
19 county council.

20 L. Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter,
21 general authority Washington peace officers employed by a
22 general authority Washington law enforcement agency with
23 officers in King County may ride regularly scheduled public
24 transportation services without payment of fare provided such
25 officers are in uniform or display their police badge(s) to the
26 transit operator.

27 M. The executive or the director, if designated by the
28 executive, is authorized to execute agreements to provide ride
29 free services within geographic areas; provided, that such
30 agreements shall be subject to approval by the metropolitan
31 county council.

32 N. For the lease of a transit vehicle of the county for
33 charter operation by others, the minimum rental shall be the
34 marginal cost per service hour of such vehicle's operation as

1 established from time to time by the director plus ten (10)
2 percent thereof.

3 O. The executive or the director, if designated by the
4 executive, is authorized to execute agreements with other
5 transit agencies to establish a system of fare payment for
6 passengers transferring between transportation systems or
7 crossing jurisdictional boundaries; provided, that such
8 agreements shall be subject to approval by the metropolitan
9 county council to the extent such approval is required by the
10 county charter, King County code and/or applicable law. Such
11 agreements shall provide that the interjurisdictional full-fare
12 be not less than ninety (90) percent of the two-zone peak fare
13 set forth in this section.

14 P. For the purpose of attracting new ridership, relieving
15 congestion, developing market strategies, testing prices or
16 experimental service, and implementing other special transit
17 programs or promotions, the director may waive or discount the
18 fare or pass prices otherwise established in this section
19 whenever such waiver or discount is not expected to require the
20 addition of regularly scheduled service and, in the judgment of
21 the director, the value of the program or promotion and the
22 benefit to the public exceeds the expected loss of revenue.
23 The loss in revenue of all such programs, promotions and fare
24 discounts shall, in the aggregate, be no greater than \$50,000
25 annually.

26 Q. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 29.94.010B
27 of this chapter, the director is authorized to establish a
28 program for the sale and distribution of tickets to human
29 service agencies at twenty-five percent (25%) of their cash
30 value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of
31 low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the
32 seventy-five percent (75%) discount provided under such program
33 shall not exceed \$200,000 for any one year. The allocation of
34 discount tickets under such program shall be made by the
35 director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the

1 county. The local jurisdictions and the county shall determine
2 the number of tickets from their respective allocations which
3 shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under such
4 program. Tickets sold under such program are valid on all
5 transit and paratransit service.

6 R. The director shall submit annually to the council, by
7 no later than the date on which the executive transmits the
8 executive proposed budget to the council, a report on all the
9 services and fares authorized by subsections D through Q of
10 this section.

11 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 24th day
12 of October, 1994.

13 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 9th day of
14 January, 1995.

15 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
16 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

17 Kent Pullen
18 Chair

19 ATTEST:

20 Gerald G. Peterson
21 Clerk of the Council

22 APPROVED this 23 day of January,
23 1995

(Deputy Executive for Operations)

24 Charles N. Earl for
25 King County Executive