

GREG NICKELS

CYNTHIA SULLIVAN

RON SIMS

11/30/95

CAJ:cj

farescln

Introduced By:

Proposed No.:

**96 - 020**

ORDINANCE NO. **12084**

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation rates of fare, repealing Ordinance 11962, Section 9, and adding a new section to K.C.C. 28.94.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 11962, Section 9, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. There is added to K.C.C. 28.94 a new section 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, transit van, dial-a-ride, 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				
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				
Cash	\$ .75	\$ .75	\$ .75	\$ .75

Family Fare				
Cash	.85	N/A	1.10	N/A

Senior Fares				
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				
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

<b>Center Park</b>				
Cash	.35	.35	.35	.35

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

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 K.C.C. 28.94.030. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are set forth in K.C.C. 28.92.115 and K.C.C. 28.92.100. 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 and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. 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 through seventeen years of age and persons over seventeen years of age who attend regular sessions of junior or senior high school. The director is authorized to issue a monthly youth pass at a rate equal to twenty-four times the youth fare, which pass shall entitle the holder to unlimited riding within the entire transit service area on regularly scheduled public transportation service.

5. A family fare on regularly scheduled public transportation service shall be valid on Sundays and the holidays on which weekend/holiday All-Day Passes are issued and sold. Upon payment of the proper fare as set forth in this section, any person eighteen years of

1 age or older may be accompanied by up to four persons seventeen years of age or under  
2 without payment of any additional fare.

3 6. Persons at least sixty-five years of age who apply for and receive a regional  
4 reduced fare permit shall be entitled to unlimited rides within the entire transit service area  
5 on regularly scheduled public transportation service upon payment of the senior fares set  
6 forth in this section.

7 7. Persons with disabilities who apply for and receive a regional reduced fare  
8 permit shall be entitled to unlimited rides within the entire transit service area on regularly  
9 scheduled public transportation service upon presentation of the permit and payment of the  
10 fare set forth in this section for persons with disabilities. An attendant, when accompanying  
11 a fare-paying person with a disability who can ride transit only with the assistance of such  
12 an attendant all or some of the time and who has been issued an "Attendant Ride Free"  
13 permit pursuant to this chapter, shall be entitled to ride free.

14 8. In accordance with the motion adopted by the council of the Municipality of  
15 Metropolitan Seattle on June 3, 1993, the rate of fare for customized bus service to  
16 residents of Center Park, a facility of the Seattle Housing Authority located at 2121 - 26th  
17 Avenue South, Seattle, shall be increased from 35¢ to an amount equal to the full-fare, one-  
18 zone, off-peak cash transit fare upon the commencement of the Access Transportation  
19 Program.

20 B. The director is authorized to issue, sell, consign, and/or accept tickets, tokens,  
21 commodities or certificates at rates equal to the equivalent cash fare. In order to implement  
22 the consignment of such fare media as is authorized under this paragraph and paragraph A  
23 above, the executive is authorized to enter into retail consignment contracts to pay  
24 commissions to outlets which sell said fare media. Unless otherwise agreed to in a contract  
25 approved by the county council, the director is authorized to pay commissions at the rates  
26 set forth in the following schedule.

27 Category A Outlets: \$1.00 per pass sold  
28 .40 per ticketbook sold  
29 .10 per Reduced Fare Sticker sold  
30

31 Category B Outlets: \$ .50 per pass sold  
32 .50 per ticketbook sold  
33 .10 per Reduced Fare Sticker sold  
34

35 Category C Outlets: \$ .10 per Reduced Fare Sticker sold

1  
2 Category A outlets are those outlets operated by a single entity which is able to:

3 1. Provide a minimum of 25 outlets, open over eight hours per day, seven days a  
4 week, with broad geographic coverage across the county, including the city of Seattle  
5 central business district;

6 2. Include transit promotions in its regular advertising;

7 3. Sell a minimum of 15,000 fare media items a month; and

8 4. Provide substantial administrative cost savings to the department by  
9 distributing fare media to multiple outlets and remitting sales revenue from multiple outlets  
10 in a single payment.

11 Category B outlets are any non-Category A outlets located in the city of Seattle  
12 central business district.

13 Category C outlets are any non-Category A outlets located outside the city of Seattle  
14 central business district.

15 C. The director shall establish a system of transfers to permit a person paying the  
16 proper fare to ride regularly scheduled service in any direction subject to the zone and time-  
17 of-day limitations applicable to the transfer. The holder of a transfer of a lesser value than  
18 the proper fare shall pay the cash difference. The time limit for transfers shall not exceed  
19 two and one-half hours from time of issuance.

20 D. The executive is authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements with  
21 employers, groups of employers, educational institutions, transportation management  
22 associations and other organizations for the purpose of selling passes for distribution and  
23 use by employees, students and/or others traveling to their facilities. At a minimum, such  
24 agreements shall contain the following terms:

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

27 2. For flexpass agreements: a description of the services and benefits available to  
28 the flexpass holder, of which there shall be at least two services or benefits provided by the  
29 other party to the agreement that are in addition to the transit element, the designation of a  
30 transportation coordinator and the distribution of alternative commuting information; the  
31 number of passes to be issued and the cost thereof, the cost of issuing additional and

1 replacement passes during the term of the agreement, a schedule of payments and an  
 2 agreement term not to exceed three years. Unless otherwise agreed to by the county  
 3 council, the price terms for the transit element of a flexpass agreement shall be established  
 4 according to the following schedule of annual calculations. Further, the agreement shall  
 5 require reimbursement of the cost of additional services provided by the department and  
 6 shall include provisions for modification due to changes in fares and program fees.

7 First twelve months: Trip Revenue x Baseline Trips

8  
 9 Second twelve months: (TR x Baseline Trips) +  
 10 [(TR x Added Trips) x 1/3]

11  
 12 Third twelve months: (TR x Baseline Trips) +  
 13 [(TR x Added Trips)x 2/3]

14  
 15 Fourth twelve months  
 16 and thereafter: (TR x Baseline Trips) +  
 17 (TR x Added Trips)

18  
 19 For purposes of this formula, the term, "Trip Revenue" or "TR," shall mean the  
 20 weighted average fare per trip determined by the department.

21 For purposes of this formula, the term, "Baseline Trips," shall mean the estimated  
 22 number of transit trips taken by the contracting party's covered population of students,  
 23 employees and/or others in the twelve months preceding execution of the flexpass  
 24 agreement. Baseline Trips may be adjusted on an annual basis to account for changes in the  
 25 number of eligible employees.

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

31 In the event a party terminates or does not renew a flexpass agreement, any  
 32 subsequent flexpass agreement entered into with that party shall be priced as if in the  
 33 "fourth twelve months and thereafter" category.

34 3. For annual pass agreements: the cost of the passes, the cost of issuing  
 35 additional and replacement passes during the term of the agreement, the level of subsidy  
 36 provided by the purchasing entity, a schedule of payments and an agreement term not to

1 exceed one year. To be eligible for annual pass agreements, the purchasing entity must  
2 subsidize at least fifty percent of the cost of the passes and make the passes available to at  
3 least two hundred fifty employees. The cost of annual passes under such agreements shall  
4 consist of the regular one- and two-zone rates set forth in this chapter less deductions, if  
5 any, based on the percentage difference between the department's "full time usage" estimate  
6 and the estimated actual pass usage of the purchasing entity's employees. A maximum  
7 deduction of fifty percent may be made from the regular one- and two-zone rates under  
8 such agreements.

9 E. The director is authorized to issue and sell visitor passes entitling the holders  
10 thereof to public transportation services as specified by the passes, provided such issuance  
11 is not expected to require the addition of regularly scheduled service. The director shall  
12 establish the rates of fare, the number of visitor passes and the extent of services available  
13 under said passes based on the estimated average visitor usage and the administrative costs  
14 of issuing the passes. Said passes may be valid for a period not to exceed seven consecutive  
15 days. The director is further authorized to issue and sell said passes to travel, convention  
16 and special event groups for quantities over one hundred at a rate that is not less than  
17 seventy percent of the established visitor rate. Visitor pass privileges shall commence and  
18 terminate on the date(s) for which the passes are valid.

19 F. The director is authorized to establish rates of fare for vanpools, provided that the  
20 rates of fare are established at a level reasonably estimated to recover the operating and  
21 capital costs of, and at least twenty-five percent of the cost of administering, the vanpool  
22 program.

23 G. The director is authorized to establish rates of fare for limited service to special or  
24 seasonal activities or events, provided such rates of fare and any contributions are  
25 established at a level reasonably estimated to recover at least twenty-five percent of the  
26 marginal cost for the service hours provided. In addition, the rates of fare for limited  
27 service shall be established at a level at least equal to the rates of fare for equivalent  
28 regularly scheduled service. If, however, the limited service is not equivalent to any regular  
29 service, then the rates of fare shall be no less than one-half of the one-zone, off-peak full  
30 fare set forth in this chapter. Such limited services shall be on an individual fare-paying

1 basis and be scheduled according to such routes, schedules and dates as are determined by  
2 the director.

3 H. The director is authorized to establish rates of fare for customized bus service,  
4 provided such rates of fare are established at a level reasonably estimated to recover at least  
5 eighty percent of the marginal cost for the service hours provided. Such customized  
6 services shall be on an individual fare-paying basis and be regularly scheduled according to  
7 such routes, schedules and dates as are determined by the director. There shall be no zone  
8 fares charged on customized bus service. Passes held by senior citizens, persons with  
9 disabilities, and employees, and other special passes or permits may be honored on  
10 customized bus service insofar as consistent with overall cost recovery requirements set  
11 forth above. Transfers may be issued on customized bus service.

12 I. The following procedure and rate of fare shall be used for animals riding on  
13 coaches. For small animals that do not occupy space other than the lap of the person  
14 accompanying the animal and for assistive animals, there shall be no fare charged. For all  
15 other animals, a fare equivalent to the fare paid by the individual accompanying the animal  
16 shall be charged and a transfer issued upon request except that no zone fare shall be  
17 charged. Animals riding on coaches shall be leashed or otherwise restrained and shall not  
18 pose a problem of health, injury to property or persons, or disturbance to other passengers.

19 J. The executive is authorized to execute agreements with public school districts to  
20 supply students with passes in connection with special school programs; provided, that such  
21 agreements shall be subject to approval by the county council.

22 K. The executive is authorized to execute agreements with local, state and federal  
23 governmental entities to provide tickets and/or passes to their employees or others traveling  
24 to their facilities at rates other than those set forth in this chapter; provided, that usage by  
25 such employees and others is not expected to require the addition of regularly schedule  
26 public transportation services; provided further, that such agreements are not estimated to  
27 reduce the revenue which would otherwise be received for such travel. Such agreements  
28 shall be subject to approval by the county council to the extent such approval is required by  
29 the county charter, ordinance and/or applicable state law.

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

6 M. The executive is authorized to execute agreements to provide ride free services  
7 within geographic areas; provided, that such agreements shall be subject to approval by the  
8 county council.

9 N. For the lease of a transit vehicle of the county for charter operation by others, the  
10 minimum rental shall be the marginal cost per service hour of such vehicle's operation as  
11 established from time to time by the director plus ten percent thereof.

12 O. The executive is authorized to execute agreements with other transit agencies to  
13 establish a system of fare payment for passengers transferring between transportation  
14 systems or crossing jurisdictional boundaries; provided, that such agreements shall be  
15 subject to approval by the county council to the extent such approval is required by the  
16 county charter, ordinance and/or applicable state law. Such agreements shall provide that  
17 the county's share of the fare collected for an interjurisdictional trip shall be not less than  
18 ninety percent of the revenue which would have been generated by application of the  
19 appropriate cash fare or prorata pass price due under paragraph A of this section for the  
20 county portion of the interjurisdictional trip.

21 P. For the purpose of attracting new ridership, relieving congestion, developing  
22 market strategies, testing prices or experimental service, and implementing other special  
23 transit programs or promotions, the director may waive or discount the fare or pass prices  
24 otherwise established in this chapter whenever such waiver or discount is not expected to  
25 require the addition of regularly scheduled public transportation services and, in the  
26 judgment of the director, the value of the program or promotion and the benefit to the  
27 public exceeds the expected loss of revenue. The loss in revenue of all such programs,  
28 promotions and fare discounts shall, in the aggregate, be no greater than \$100,000 annually.

29 Q. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph B of this section, the director is  
30 authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of tickets to human service



1 agencies at twenty-five percent of their cash value for the purpose of meeting the  
2 transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the  
3 seventy-five percent discount provided under such program shall not exceed \$200,000 for  
4 any one year. The allocation of discount tickets under such program shall be made by the  
5 director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department(s) responsible  
6 for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and said county department(s) shall  
7 determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations which shall be sold to the  
8 human service agencies eligible under such program. Tickets sold under such program are  
9 valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

10 R. The executive is authorized to issue employee bus passes to employees in the  
11 Transit Division of the department, other employees whose responsibilities and functions  
12 are dedicated exclusively to supporting the public transportation function, and persons who,  
13 while holding such positions, retire from the county. All bus passes shall be restricted to  
14 use by the eligible employee or retired employee and any unauthorized use shall, at a  
15 minimum, result in forfeiture of the pass.

16 S. The director is authorized to enter into and administer arrangements with  
17 directors of executive departments, chief officers of administrative offices, and  
18 independently elected county officials to provide bus passes to county employees not  
19 included within paragraph R of this section. Such passes shall be restricted to use by the  
20 eligible employee and any unauthorized use shall, at a minimum, result in forfeiture of the  
21 pass. Such arrangements shall provide that the Public Transportation Operating Account  
22 shall be reimbursed for such passes. The price for such passes shall be established by the  
23 executive in accordance with the flexpass price formula set forth in paragraph D.2 of this  
24 section. This provision shall only be implemented to the extent funds are appropriated by  
25 the county council.

26 T. The director shall submit annually to the council, by no later than the date on  
27 which the executive transmits the executive proposed budget to the council, a report on all  
28 the services and fares authorized by paragraphs D through S of this section.

29 SECTION 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 1996.

1            SECTION 4. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective in all  
2 cases unless otherwise provided by federal law. The provisions of this ordinance are  
3 separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision,  
4 section or other portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any  
5 person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the  
6 validity of the application to other persons or circumstances.

7            SECTION 5. Continuation of ordinances. The provisions of this ordinance, so far  
8 as they are substantially the same as those of ordinances existing at the time of the  
9 enactment of this ordinance, shall be construed as continuations thereof.

10            INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
11 December, 1995.

12            PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
13 1995.

14            KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
15            KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

16            Kent Pullen  
17            Chair

18            ATTEST:

19            Gerald A. Peterson  
20            Clerk of the Council

21            APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1995

22            Ray Lohr  
23            King County Executive

24            Attachments:  
25            None