

AGENDA ITEM #6
May 1, 2007
Public Hearing

MEMORANDUM

April 27, 2007

TO: County Council

FROM: ^{GO} Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing**—resolution setting transportation fees, charges, and fares

With the enactment of Bill 16-04, as of July 22, 2004 all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Public Works and Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect.

The fees, charges, and fares currently in effect are those in Council Resolution 15-1730 adopted on November 28, 2006 and approved by the County Executive on December 1, 2006. Attached is Resolution 15-1730 with some proposed changes:

- The County Executive proposes eliminating Ride On fares at all times for seniors and people with disabilities. Currently Ride On is free for these groups only during the mid-day Monday through Friday.
- The County Executive proposes raising the fee for short-term and long-term parking in the Montgomery Hills Parking District by \$0.10/hour, from \$0.15 to \$0.25.
- Council staff concurs with the Executive, and also proposes raising the fee for the Parking Convenience Sticker in Montgomery Hills by \$15/month, from \$30 to \$45.
- Council staff proposes raising the parking fees in the North Bethesda Transportation Management District as follows: by \$0.10/hour (from \$0.50 to \$0.60) in short-term spaces; by \$0.05/hour (from \$0.40 to \$0.45) in long-term spaces; and by \$10/month (from \$75 to \$85) for the Parking Convenience Sticker.

- The County Executive recommends extending parking enforcement hours in the Wheaton Parking District until 10 pm Monday through Saturday for on-street spaces and in lots, and until 10 pm Monday through Friday in Garage 45 (the Amherst Avenue garage). Currently parking fees are enforced there until 6 pm those evenings.
- Council staff proposes establishing uniform enforcement hours across all four parking districts and the North Bethesda TMD, as follows: from 7 am to 10 pm Monday through Saturday for on-street spaces and in lots; and from 7 am to 10 pm Monday through Friday in garages (with the exception of Silver Spring Garages 60 & 61—the garages in the Town Center—for which the enforcement hours must remain unchanged according to the provisions of a multi-year agreement with the Town Center developer).
- Council staff proposes a few other technical changes to reflect current practices.

The Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee is tentatively scheduled to deliberate on these proposals and make its recommendations on May 3.

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Resolution: _____
Introduced: April 10, 2007
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject: Setting transportation fees, charges, and fares

Background

1. With the enactment of Bill 16-04, as of July 22, 2004 all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Public Works and Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect.
2. The fees, charges, and fares currently in effect are those in Council Resolution 15-1730 adopted on November 28, 2006 and approved by the County Executive on December 1, 2006.
3. On May 3, 2007 the Transportation and Environment Committee reviewed proposed changes recommended by the County Executive and other proposed changes by Council staff.
4. A public hearing on this resolution was advertised and held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 15-1730 are amended as described in Table 1, attached. The fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 15-1730 remain in effect until July 1, 2007.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council
Approved

Date

Isiah T. Leggett, County Executive

Date

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TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES

I. Transit Fares

Regular fare or token	\$1.25
Bethesda 8 (Route 92) and VanGo (Route 28) shuttles	Free
Twinbrook (Route 93) and Rock Spring (Route 96) shuttles	\$0.35
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Kids Ride Free Program (2-7 pm weekdays)	Free
Code Red days	Free
Give and Ride Program	Free
Senior/Disabled with identification card except during weekday mid-day hours (<u>until January 1, 2008</u>)	
attendant accompanying customer	\$0.60
with Attendant-Eligible card	\$0.60
Senior/Disabled with identification card during weekday mid-day hours (<u>until January 1, 2008</u>)	
attendant accompanying customer	Free
with Attendant-Eligible card	Free
<u>Senior/Disabled with identification card (starting January 1, 2008)</u>	
<u>attendant accompanying customer</u>	<u>Free</u>
<u>with Attendant-Eligible card</u>	<u>Free</u>
MetroAccess Certified Customer with ID	Free
MetroAccess – companion	Free
Children under age 5	Free
Local bus transfer	Free
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer	\$0.35
Senior/Disabled transfer	Free
Metrobus weekly pass	Free
MARC weekly and monthly passes	Free
MTA Commuter Bus Pass	Free
Regional One Day bus pass	\$3.00
Ride-About (2 Week) pass	\$10.00
Ride On 20-trip ticket	\$20.00
Youth Cruiser pass	\$10.00 Per Month
Summer Youth Cruiser pass (for 3-month period of June, July, and August)	\$15.00
‘C’ Pass (for current County employees)	Free
‘U’ Pass (for Montgomery College fee-paying students)	Free

II. Parking Fees (Note: No payment is required for motorcycles in spaces or areas where only motorcycle parking is permitted. No payment is required for any vehicle at all public parking spaces on County holidays.)

A. Bethesda Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street[,] <u>and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in garages from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday</u>	
Short-Term (First 3 hours)	\$0.75 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	\$0.50 Per Hour
2. Garage 49	
[Short-Term (First 3 hours)]	\$0.75 Per Hour]
[Long-Term (More than 3 hours)]	\$0.50 Per Hour]
Daily Maximum	\$8.25 Per Day
Lost Ticket	\$8.25 Per Day
3. Special Permits	
a. Parking permits	
Parking Convenience Sticker	\$95.00 Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	\$8.25 Per Day
“AM/PM” Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
b. Carpool Permits	
2 Persons	\$70.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$40.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$10.00 Per Month
c. Townhouse Resident Permit	
	\$2.00 Per Month

B. Silver Spring Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street[,] <u>and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in garages (except Garages 60 and 61) from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday</u>	
Short-Term (First 3 hours)	\$0.60 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	\$0.45 Per Hour
[2. Cashier garage facilities (Garage 7)]	
[Short-Term (First 3 hours)]	\$0.60 Per Hour]
[Long-Term (More than 3 hours)]	\$0.45 Per Hour]
[Daily Maximum]	\$7.00 Per Day]
[Lost Ticket]	\$7.00 Per Day]
[3.] <u>2.</u> Special Permits	
a. Parking permits	
Parking Convenience Sticker	\$85.00 Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	\$5.00 Per Day
“AM/PM” Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
b. Carpool Permits	
2 Persons	\$65.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$35.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$5.00 Per Month
c. Townhouse Resident Permit	
	\$2.00 Per Month
[4.] <u>3.</u> Garages 60 and 61	
Short-Term (First 3 hours)	\$0.50 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	\$0.40 Per Hour

C. Wheaton Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street[,] and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in garages from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 3 hours) \$0.35 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours) \$0.35 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker \$65.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month

D. Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street[,] and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday

Short-Term (First 3 hours) [~~\$0.15~~] \$0.25 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours) [~~\$0.15~~] \$0.25 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker [~~\$30.00~~] \$45.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month

E. North Bethesda Transportation Management District

1. Meters on-street and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday

Short-Term (First 3 hours) [~~\$0.50~~] \$0.60 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours) [~~\$0.40~~] \$0.45 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker [~~\$75.00~~] \$85.00 Per Month

III. Parking Fines and Other Charges (with County Code Section Citations)

A. Motor vehicles, traffic control and highways, generally

31-6(b)(2)	Snow emergency – Parked in Right-of-Way	\$75.00
31-7	Unregistered vehicle/parking prohibited	\$50.00
31-8	Impeding traffic, threaten public safety	\$50.00

B. Parking regulations generally – on-street

31-11(b)	Emergency/Temporary no parking sign	\$50.00
31-12	Violation of official sign (except residential permit parking)	\$50.00
31-12	Residential permit parking violation	\$40.00
31-13	Parking of vehicle – snow accumulation	\$50.00
31-14	Commercial vehicles/bus abutting residences or schools	\$50.00
31-16	Over 24 hours	\$50.00
31-17	Within 35 feet of intersection	\$50.00
31-18	Posted time limit	\$50.00
31-19	Obstructing driveways (within 5 feet)	\$50.00
31-20	No person will:	
	(a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not:	
	(1) Impeding traffic	\$50.00
	(2) On a sidewalk	\$50.00
	(3) Within an intersection	\$50.00
	(4) On a crosswalk	\$50.00
	(5) Alongside street repair	\$50.00
	(6) On bridge/ in tunnel	\$50.00
	(7) On any highway ramp	\$50.00
	(8) Official school board/Montgomery College sign	\$50.00
	(9) Rush hour restriction	\$50.00
	(10) Behind Official sign in Right-of-Way	\$50.00
	(b) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger:	
	(1) within 15 feet of fire hydrant	\$50.00
	(2) within 20 feet of painted crosswalk	\$50.00
	(3) within 30 feet of traffic control signal/device	\$50.00
	(4) at a firehouse entrance clearance	\$50.00
	(5) at a No Standing sign	\$50.00
	(6) double parking	\$50.00
	(7) at a posted/marked fire lane	\$250.00
	(8) in front of theaters, posted	\$50.00
	(9) more than 12 inches from curb	\$50.00
	(10) opposite the flow of traffic	\$50.00
	(11) blocking another vehicle	\$50.00
	(12) not within designated parking space	\$50.00
	(13) at a posted bus stop	\$50.00
	(14) at a posted taxi stand	\$50.00
	(15) in a handicapped parking space	\$250.00
	(c) Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passenger:	
	(1) within 50 feet of a railroad crossing	\$50.00
	(2) at an official No Parking sign	\$50.00

C. Off-street public parking regulations

31-26	(a) No person shall park a vehicle on a public parking facility:	
	(1) in violation of an official sign	\$50.00
	(2) in a No Parking zone	\$50.00
	(3) not within a designated parking space	\$50.00
	(4) in or on driving aisle/driveway/signwalks	\$50.00
	(5) at a bagged meter/temporary sign/barricade	\$50.00
	(6) blocking another vehicle	\$50.00
	(7) over 24 hours where not authorized	\$50.00
	(8) vehicle unregistered/inoperative	\$50.00
	(9) in violation, front-in-only, posted	\$50.00
	(10) straddling marked parking spaces	\$50.00
	(11) unattended/running	\$50.00
	(12) impeding traffic	\$50.00
31-27	(b) Prohibited vehicle/weight/size/type	\$50.00
31-30(c)	(c) Snow/ice emergency	\$50.00

D. Parking meters generally

31-35	Expired parking meter	\$35.00
31-36	Overtime parking at parking meter	\$40.00
31-37	More than 3 feet from parking meter	\$35.00
31-38	More than 1 vehicle in parking space except motorcycles	\$35.00

E. Administration, enforcement, penalties, and collection

31-57(a)	First late penalty for failure to fully pay fine or appeal citation within 15 days	\$25.00
31-59	Second late penalty for failure to fully pay the original fine and penalties within 45 days of the original issuance of the citation	\$25.00

F. Residential Parking Permits

31-48(h)	Biennial fee	\$30.00
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IV. Transportation Management District (TMD) annual fees

In this section Gross Floor Area (GFA) is defined as described in Section 52-47 of the County Code.

A. Bethesda Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006[*]	\$0.10/square foot GFA

B. Friendship Heights Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006[*]	\$0.10/square foot GFA

C. North Bethesda Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006[*]	\$0.10/square foot GFA

D. Silver Spring Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006[*]	\$0.10/square foot GFA

[* Between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.]