

Resolution: 17-431
Introduced: March 20, 2012
Adopted: May 16, 2012

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

Background

1. According to Section 2-57A of the Montgomery County Code, as of July 22, 2004 all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of 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 17-189 adopted on June 28, 2011 and approved by the Executive on June 30, 2011.
3. As part of the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Operating Budget the cost of the Ride On Monthly Pass increases from \$40 to \$45. Also, the cash/token charge for local bus fare increases from \$1.70 up to \$1.80. The regular SmarTrip fare for local bus increases from \$1.50 to \$1.60, the transfer from rail-to-Ride On bus using SmarTrip continues with \$0.50 discount, no change. The cash/token fare on Ride On express Route 70 increases from \$3.85 to \$4.00 and regular SmarTrip fare on Ride On express Route 70 remains at \$3.65. The Senior/Disabled cash/token fare increases from \$0.85 up to \$0.90, the Senior/Disabled SmarTrip fare for local bus increases from \$0.75 to \$0.80, the Senior/Disabled cash fare on Ride On express Route 70 increases from \$1.90 to \$2.00 and the Senior/Disabled SmarTrip fare on Route 70 remains \$1.80. Senior fares are 50 percent of the regular fares.
4. The County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Operating Budget included an increase in the long-term parking rates in Bethesda from \$0.75 to \$0.85/hour, and in Silver Spring from \$0.60 to \$0.70/hour, with corresponding increases in the Parking Convenience Sticker, Daily Parking Permit and Carpool Permits. This recommended budget also assumed parking enforcement hours in Bethesda garages and lots expanding to Saturdays from 7am to 10pm, expanded parking enforcement hours in Silver Spring on-street, in lots and garage, until 7pm, Monday through Saturday and expanded enforcement in Wheaton on-street and in lots until 10pm, Monday through Saturday. The rate increase in Bethesda would be effective on July 1, 2012 and in Silver Spring on January 1, 2013. The expanded

hours of enforcement in Bethesda and Silver Spring would be effective October 1, 2012 and in Wheaton on July 1, 2012.

- 5. Furthermore, the Council solicited for public comment an increase in parking enforcement hours in Silver Spring to 10 pm (effective October 1, 2012), and an increase in short- and long-term parking rates in Wheaton from \$0.50 to \$0.60/hour, an increase in long-term parking rates in areas outside of Parking Lot Districts from \$0.60 to \$0.70/hour (with a corresponding increase in the Parking Convenience Sticker), establishment of a Resident Permit for the Parking Lot Districts discounted from the price of the associated Parking Convenience Sticker, and an increase in the biennial Residential Parking Permit fee from \$35 to \$45, all effective July 1, 2012.
- 6. A public hearing on this resolution was held on April 24, 2012.

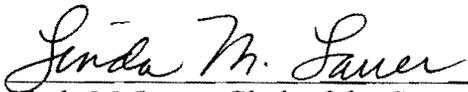
Action

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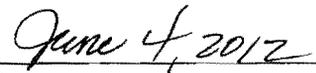
Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 17-189 are amended as described in Table 1, attached.

The amendments: increase the Ride On Monthly Pass, cash and SmarTrip fares; increase long- and short-term and monthly pass parking rates in Bethesda, Silver Spring, Wheaton, and in areas outside the Parking Lot Districts; establish a Resident Permit pilot program in South Silver Spring; and increase the Residential Parking Permit fee. The rate increases in Bethesda and Wheaton will be effective on July 1, 2012, and in Silver Spring and areas outside of Parking Lot Districts on January 1, 2013. The Resident Permit pilot program will be effective on October 1, 2012 and extend to June 30, 2014. The increase in Ride On fares will be effective July 1, 2012.

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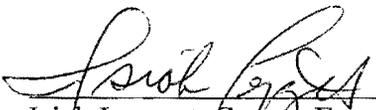


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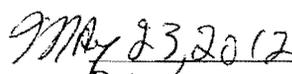


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TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES**I. Transit Fares**

Regular cash fare or token	\$1.80
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$1.60
Route 70 cash fare or token	\$4.00
Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip	\$3.65
VanGo (Route 28) and Route 94 shuttles	Free
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Kids Ride Free Program (2-7 pm weekdays)	Free
Give and Ride Program	Free
MetroAccess Certified and/or Conditional Customer with ID	Free
MetroAccess – companion of Certified and/or Conditional customer with ID	Free
Children under age 5	Free
Local bus-to-bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer with SmarTrip	\$1.10
Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	\$3.15
Local bus-to-Route 70 transfer	\$2.05
Metrobus weekly pass	Free
MARC weekly, monthly, and TLC passes transfer to Ride On	Free
MTA Commuter Bus Pass transfer to Ride On	Free
Ride On Monthly Pass	\$45.00
Boarding Route 70 with weekly or monthly pass	\$2.05
Youth Cruiser Pass	\$11.00 Per Month
Summer Youth Cruiser pass (for 3-month period of June, July, and August)	\$18.00
‘C’ Pass (for current County employees)	Free
‘U’ Pass (for Montgomery College transportation fee-paying students)	Free
except express bus	Free
Senior* with identification card from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays	Free
Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays	
with cash fare or token	\$0.90
with SmarTrip card	\$0.80
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	\$0.30
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Senior* with identification card for Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays	
with cash fare or token	\$2.00
with SmarTrip card	\$1.80
Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.30
Local bus-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.00
Boarding with weekly or monthly pass	\$1.00

* For the purposes of this resolution, a person with disabilities not certified for MetroAccess with no condition service is treated the same as a senior.

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 Sundays and County holidays.)

A. Bethesda Parking Lot District and Bethesda CBD Sector Plan Area

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday, and in garages from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday	
Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$1.25 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	\$0.80 Per Hour
2. Garage 49	
Daily Maximum	\$13.80 Per Day
Lost Ticket	\$13.80 Per Day
3. Special Permits	
a. Parking permits	
Parking Convenience Sticker	\$150.00 Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	\$12.00 Per Day
“AM/PM” Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
b. Carpool Permits	
2 Persons	\$107.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$58.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$15.00 Per Month
c. Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month
4. Bethesda Library parking lot	\$1.00 Per Hour

B. Silver Spring Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots and garages from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday, and in garages (except Garages 60 and 61) from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday	
Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$1.00 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	\$0.65 Per Hour
2. Special Permits	
a. Parking permits	
Parking Convenience Sticker	\$123.00 Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	\$7.80 Per Day
“AM/PM” Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
b. Carpool Permits	
2 Persons	\$87.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$49.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$11.00 Per Month
c. Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month
d. Permit in Garages 9 and 16 for residents in the area bounded by Blair Mill Road, Eastern Avenue and Georgia Avenue	\$95.00 Per Month
3. Garages 60 and 61	\$1.00 Per Hour
Monthly Permit	\$189.00 Per Month

C. Wheaton Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in garages from 9 am to 6pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$0.75 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	\$0.60 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$113.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month

D. Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$0.25 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	\$0.25 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$45.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month

E. Areas Outside Parking Lot Districts (not including Bethesda CBD Sector Plan Area)

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

Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$1.00 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	\$0.65 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$123.00 Per Month
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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	\$85.00
31-7	Unregistered vehicle/parking prohibited	\$60.00
31-8	Impeding traffic, threaten public safety	\$60.00

B. Parking regulations generally – on-street

31-11(b)	Emergency/Temporary no parking sign	\$60.00
31-12	Violation of official sign (except residential permit parking)	\$60.00
31-12	Residential permit parking violation	\$50.00
31-13	Parking of vehicle – snow accumulation	\$60.00
31-14	Parking of heavy commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, or buses	\$75.00
31-16	Over 24 hours	\$60.00
31-17	Within 35 feet of intersection	\$60.00
31-18	Posted time limit	\$60.00
31-19	Obstructing driveways (within 5 feet)	\$60.00
31-20	No person will:	
	(a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not:	
	(1) Impeding traffic	\$60.00
	(2) On a sidewalk	\$60.00
	(3) Within an intersection	\$60.00
	(4) On a crosswalk	\$60.00
	(5) Alongside street repair	\$60.00
	(6) On bridge/ in tunnel	\$60.00
	(7) On any highway ramp	\$60.00
	(8) Official school board/Montgomery College sign	\$60.00
	(9) Rush hour restriction	\$60.00
	(10) Behind Official sign in Right-of-Way	\$60.00
	(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	\$60.00
	(2) within 20 feet of painted crosswalk	\$60.00
	(3) within 30 feet of traffic control signal/device	\$60.00
	(4) at a firehouse entrance clearance	\$60.00
	(5) at a No Standing sign	\$60.00
	(6) double parking	\$60.00
	(7) at a posted/marked fire lane	\$250.00
	(8) in front of theaters, posted	\$60.00
	(9) more than 12 inches from curb	\$60.00
	(10) opposite the flow of traffic	\$60.00
	(11) blocking another vehicle	\$60.00
	(12) not within designated parking space	\$60.00
	(13) at a posted bus stop	\$60.00
	(14) at a posted taxi stand	\$60.00
	(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:
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| (1) within 50 feet of a railroad crossing | \$60.00 |
| (2) at an official No Parking sign | \$60.00 |

C. Off-street public parking regulations

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| 31-26 (a) No person shall park a vehicle on a public parking facility: | |
| (1) in violation of an official sign | \$60.00 |
| (2) in a No Parking zone | \$60.00 |
| (3) not within a designated parking space | \$60.00 |
| (4) in or on driving aisle/driveway/signwalks | \$60.00 |
| (5) at a bagged meter/temporary sign/barricade | \$60.00 |
| (6) blocking another vehicle | \$60.00 |
| (7) over 24 hours where not authorized | \$60.00 |
| (8) vehicle unregistered/inoperative | \$60.00 |
| (9) in violation, front-in-only, posted | \$60.00 |
| (10) straddling marked parking spaces | \$60.00 |
| (11) unattended/running | \$60.00 |
| (12) impeding traffic | \$60.00 |
| 31-27 (b) Prohibited vehicle/weight/size/type | \$60.00 |
| 31-30(c) (c) Snow/ice emergency | \$60.00 |

D. Parking meters generally

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| 31-35 Expired parking meter | \$45.00 |
| 31-36 Overtime parking at parking meter | \$50.00 |
| 31-37 More than 3 feet from parking meter | \$45.00 |
| 31-38 More than 1 vehicle in parking space except motorcycles | \$45.00 |

E. Administration, enforcement, penalties, and collection

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| 31-62 (c) Impoundment or immobilization fee | \$115.00 |
| 31-52 (e) Fee for withholding the registration of a vehicle | \$10.00 |
| 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

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| 31-48(h) Biennial fee | \$40.00 |
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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

E. Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2011 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, 2011*	\$0.10/square foot GFA

* Between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.