

Resolution: 17-746
Introduced: April 2, 2013
Adopted: May 15, 2013

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

Background

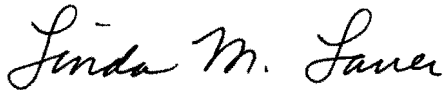
1. According to Section 2-57A of the Montgomery County Code, as of July 22, 2004 all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved 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 17-431 adopted on May 16, 2012 and approved by the Executive on May 23, 2012.
3. The County Executive's Fiscal Year 2014 Recommended Operating Budget included a change in the parking rate structure for Bethesda from duration based rates to location based rates. The current parking rates in Bethesda are: \$1.25/hour for parking up to 4 hours and \$0.80/hour for parking in excess of 4 hours. The proposed rates are \$2.00/hour on-street, \$1.25/hour in any parking lot space and \$0.80/hour in any space in a parking garage. The PCS Permit rate would remain at \$150.00/month and permits would still be honored at any long term parking space regardless of location. The new rate system would be effective on July 1, 2013. In addition, the parking rate in Montgomery Hills is recommended to be increased from \$0.25/hour to \$0.50/hour with a PCS Permit rate increase from \$45.00/month to \$90.00/month. The Executive does not recommend any other changes in either parking rates or the hours requiring payment.
4. No major changes are recommended in Ride On fares but added to this resolution is a \$2.00 one-time charge for a Youth SmarTrip card, allowing those who qualify to use SmarTrip for the purchase of their Youth Cruiser monthly pass.
5. A public hearing on this resolution was held by the Council on April 23, 2013.

Action

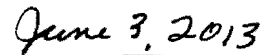
The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 17-431 are amended as described in Table 1, attached. The amendment changes the rate structure in the Bethesda Parking Lot District from a duration based to location based system and increases the parking rates in the Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District. These rate changes become effective July 1, 2013.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

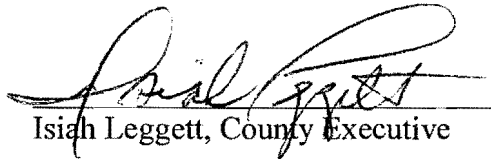


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

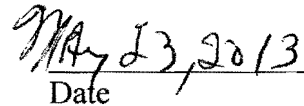


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TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES**I. Transit Fares**

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
<u>Youth SmarTrip Card (one-time fee)</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
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]
<u>Parking in spaces within the right of way of public streets</u>	<u>\$2.00 Per Hour</u>
<u>Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot</u>	<u>\$1.25 Per Hour</u>
<u>Parking in spaces in a parking garage</u>	<u>\$0.80 Per Hour</u>

2. Garage 49	
Daily Maximum	\$[13.80] <u>12.00</u> Per Day
Lost Ticket	\$[13.80] <u>12.00</u> 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

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| 3. Garages 60 and 61 | \$1.00 Per Hour |
| Monthly Permit | \$189.00 Per Month |

C. Wheaton Parking Lot District

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| 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

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| 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] <u>0.50</u> Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 4 hours) | \$[0.25] <u>0.50</u> Per Hour |
| 2. Special Permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$[45.00] <u>90.00</u> Per Month |
| Townhouse Resident Permit | \$2.00 Per Month |

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

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| 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 |

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:
- (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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 31-48(h) [Biennial] Annual fee \$[40.00] 20.00

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] 2013 and June 30, [2013] 2014, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.