

Resolution No.: 18-128  
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Adopted: May 13, 2015

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

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**SUBJECT:** Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

**Background**

1. Under 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 17-1088 adopted on May 14, 2014 and approved by the Executive on May 27, 2014.
3. There is a significant imbalance in the utilization of various parking facilities in the Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton Parking Lot Districts. Some garages such as Garages 40 in the Bethesda PLD routinely operates at capacity while other nearby facilities such as Garage 11 operates with hundreds of spaces available throughout the day. A comprehensive parking management strategy suggests establishing pricing policies intended to better balance utilization. As a result, the Executive recommends the following changes to the parking fees schedules in the Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton PLDs:
  - All Garage spaces changed from the current approved rate per hour to the *new rate or less per hour*, as set by individual facility by the Director of the Department of Transportation.
  - Establish a monthly garage specific access card rate at the current approved monthly PCS permit *rate or less per month*.
4. The purpose of this demand-based, tiered-pricing model is to allow the Director to set individual garages at varying rates in a continuing effort to balance facility utilization to increase the opportunity for parkers to find available spaces. The change is intended to be revenue neutral to each PLD as a whole.
5. A public hearing on this resolution is expected to be scheduled by the County Council.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 17-1088 are amended as described in Table 1, attached.

The Department of Transportation Director is authorized to set the individual garage rates not to exceed the current long term or garage rates in the Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton Parking Lot Districts. The price of a monthly garage specific access card is established at less than the current monthly PCS permit rate in each PLD.

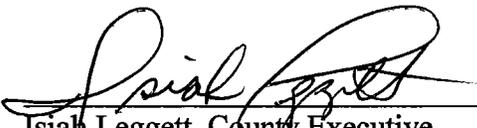
These changes become effective July 1, 2015.

This is a correct copy of Council Action.

  
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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

5/21/15  
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*Approved*

  
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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

5/20/15  
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**TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES****I. Transit Fares**

Regular cash fare or token	\$1.75
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$1.75
Route 70 cash fare or token	\$4.00
Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip	\$4.00
VanGo Route 28 and Route 94 shuttle[s]	Free
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Kids Ride Free Program [(2-8 pm weekdays)]	Free
Give and Ride Program	Free
MetroAccess Certified and/or Conditional Customer with ID	Free
MetroAccess – Companion or 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	\$1.25
Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	\$3.50
Local bus-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	\$2.25
Metrobus Weekly pass	Free
MARC weekly, monthly, 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	\$2.25
Youth Cruiser Pass	\$11.00 Per Month
Youth SmarTrip Card (one-time fee)	\$2.00
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 Route 70 bus	\$2.25
Senior* with identification card from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays	Free
Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00pm weekdays	
with case fare or token	\$0.85
with SmarTrip card	\$0.85
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	\$0.35
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Senior* with identification card for express Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm	
weekdays with cash fare or token	\$2.00
with SmarTrip card	\$2.00
Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.50
Local bus-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.15
Boarding with weekly or monthly pass with SmarTrip	\$1.15

\* For the purposes of this resolution, a person with disabilities not certified for Metro Access 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**

1. Meters on-street from 9am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots from 7am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday, and in garages from 7am to 10pm, Monday through Friday.
  - a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets \$2.00 Per Hour
  - b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot [\$1.25 Per Hr.] \$1.25 or Less Per Hr.
  - c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage [\$0.80 Per Hr.] \$1.00 or Less Per Hr.
  
2. Garage 49
 

Daily Maximum	\$12.00 Per Hour
Lost Ticket	\$12.00 Per Day
  
3. A Garage Specific  
Monthly Access Card \$150.00 or Less Per Month
  
4. 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
  
5. 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]

  - a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets \$1.00 Per Hour
  - b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot \$0.80 or Less Per Hour
  - c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage \$0.70 or Less Per Hour  
(Except for Garage 60 and 61)
  
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

<u>Garage Specific Monthly Access</u> (Except for Garage 60 and 61)	<u>\$123.00 or Less Per Month</u>
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 Monthly Permit	 \$1.00 Per Hour \$189.00 Per Month
 <b>4. Wheaton Parking Lot District</b>	
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 6 pm, Monday through Friday	
Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$0.75 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	[\$0.60 Per Hour] <u>\$0.60 or Less Per Hour</u>
2. Special Permits	
Parking Convenience Sticker	\$113.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month
 <b>5. Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District</b>	
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)	\$0.50 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	\$0.50 Per Hour
2. Special Permits	
Parking Convenience Sticker	\$90.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month
 <b>6. Areas Outside Parking Lot Districts</b>	
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**

31-25	(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/sidewalks	\$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)	Annual fee	\$20.00
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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

**F. White Oak Transportation Management District**

<u>Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2015 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval</u>	<u>\$0.10/square foot GFA</u>
<u>Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2015*</u>	<u>\$0.10/square foot GFA</u>

\* Between July 1, [2014] 2015 and June 30, [2015] 2016, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.