

Resolution No.: 18-808
Introduced: April 4, 2017
Adopted: May 17, 2017

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

Background

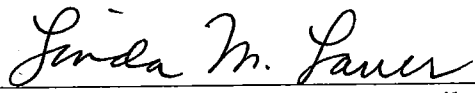
1. Under Section 2-57A of the Montgomery County Code, as of July 22, 2004, all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the 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 18-547 adopted on June 28, 2016 and approved by the Executive on July 7, 2016.
3. The County Executive recommended that Ride On fares be raised to be consistent with the Metrobus fare schedule recently adopted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. He recommended that the parking fee schedule for the Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District be deleted, consistent with legislation he is proposing to merge it with the Silver Spring Parking Lot District. He recommended extending the charging hours in the Bethesda Parking Lot District to include Saturdays in lots and garages and in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District to include Monday through Friday evenings until 10 pm. In addition, he would raise the Daily Maximum and Lost Ticket rates in gated garages in Bethesda to \$15.00 per day, which reflects the increase in the daily hours of enforcement. The dates for the Traffic Management District charges have been updated to include the current period this resolution will be in effect.
4. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held on April 18, 2017.
5. The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment (T&E) Committee reviewed these proposals on April 27 and May 3, 2017, and it recommended raising hourly parking charges in Bethesda but not extending the parking charging hours in Bethesda or Silver Spring. The Council reviewed and concurred with the T&E Committee's recommendations on May 9, 2017.

Action

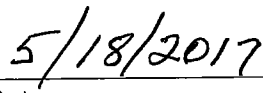
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 18-547 are amended as described in Table 1, attached. These changes become effective July 1, 2017, except for the transit fares, which go into effect on June 25, 2017, and the extension of free hours on Saturdays for seniors, which is effective on September 2, 2017.

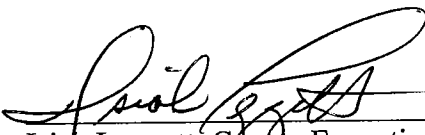
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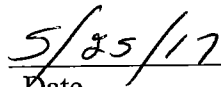
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council



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

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| Regular cash fare or token | [\$1.75] <u>\$2.00</u> |
| Regular fare paid with SmarTrip | [\$1.75] <u>\$2.00</u> |
| Route 70 cash fare or token | [\$4.00] <u>\$4.25</u> |
| Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip | [\$4.00] <u>\$4.25</u> |
| 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 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 | [\$1.25] <u>\$1.50</u> |
| Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip | [\$3.50] <u>\$3.75</u> |
| 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 and <u>from 8:30 am-4:00 pm</u> Saturdays | Free |
| Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00pm weekdays and <u>from 8:30 am-4:00 pm</u> Saturdays | |
| with cash fare or token | [\$0.85] <u>\$1.00</u> |
| with SmarTrip card | [\$0.85] <u>\$1.00</u> |
| Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only) | [\$0.35] <u>\$0.50</u> |
| Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only) | Free |
| Senior* with identification card for express Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays and <u>8:30 am-4:00 pm</u> Saturdays with cash fare or token | [\$2.00] <u>\$2.10</u> |
| with SmarTrip card | [\$2.00] <u>\$2.10</u> |
| Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip | [\$1.50] <u>\$1.60</u> |
| Local bus-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip | [\$1.15] <u>\$1.10</u> |
| Boarding with weekly or monthly pass with SmarTrip | [\$1.15] <u>\$1.10</u> |

* For the purposes of this resolution, a person with disabilities not certified for Metro Access 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 and garages from 7am to 10pm, Monday through Friday.
 - a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets [~~\$2.00~~] \$2.25 or Less Per Hr.
 - b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot [~~\$1.25~~] \$1.50 or Less Per Hr.
 - c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage [~~\$1.00~~] \$1.25 or Less Per Hr.

2. [~~Garage 49~~] All Gated Garages

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|---------------|---|
| Daily Maximum | [\$12.00] <u>\$15.00</u> Per Day |
| Lost Ticket | [\$12.00] <u>\$15.00</u> Per Day |

3. A Garage Specific

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Monthly Access Card | \$150.00 or Less Per Month |
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4. Special Permits
 - a. Parking permits

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| 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

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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 10 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots and garages from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.
 - a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets \$1.00 or Less Per Hr.
 - b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot \$0.80 or Less Per Hr.
 - c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage \$0.70 or Less Per Hr.
(Except for Garage 60 and 61)

2. Special Permits
 - a. Parking permits

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| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$123.00 Per Month |
| Daily Parking Permit | \$7.80 Per Day |
| "AM/PM" Parking Permit | \$20.00 Per Month |
| Garage Specific Monthly Access (Except for Garage 60 and 61) | 123.00 or Less Per Month |
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| 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 |

[4.] 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 6 pm, Monday through Friday | |
| Short-Term (First 4 hours) | \$0.75 Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 4 hours) | \$0.60 or Less Per Hour |
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| 2. Special Permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$113.00 Per Month |
| Townhouse Resident Permit | \$2.00 Per Month |

[5. 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) | \$0.50 Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 4 hours) | \$0.50 Per Hour |
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| 2. Special Permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$90.00 Per Month |
| Townhouse Resident Permit | \$2.00 Per Month] |

[6.] D. Areas Outside Parking Lot Districts

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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 |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| (14) | at a posted taxi stand | \$60.00 |
| (15) | in a handicapped parking space | \$250.00 |
| (c) | Park a vehicle, whether occupied [of] 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

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| 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

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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) | 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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|---|------------------------|
| 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

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|---|------------------------|
| 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

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|---|------------------------|
| Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2015 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, 2015* | \$0.10/square foot GFA |

* Between July 1, [2016] 2017 and June 30, [2017] 2018, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.