

MEMORANDUM

February 8, 2019

TO: County Council

FROM: ^{GO} Glenn Orlin, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Amendment to Resolution 18-1162, Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares: free Ride On for Federal employees during a furlough

PURPOSE: Hold a public hearing and act on this amendment

On January 29, 2019 the Council introduced this resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Riemer, that would grant the County Executive authority to not charge furloughed Federal employees to use Ride On.¹ The County, State and WMATA were poised to provide this benefit in late January when, on January 25, the previous furlough ended. Councilmember Riemer wants the County to be in position to provide the same benefit should a second furlough begin on or about February 15. Since County Code Section 2-57A grants the Council sole authority to set transit fares (as well as other fees and charges for services operated by the Department of Transportation), the Council would need to amend the most recent resolution (Resolution 18-1162) to authorize it. The amended resolution is attached; the only change is on ©2 and is underlined.

Council staff recommendation: Amend Resolution 18-1162 as proposed.

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¹ Key words: #RideOn, fare, furlough.

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: January 29, 2019
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Riemer

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 18-1162 adopted on June 12, 2018 and approved by the Executive on June 25, 2018.
3. This resolution grants authority to the County Executive to render Ride On service free to Federal employees in the event they are furloughed.
4. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held on February 12, 2019.

Action

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

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 18-1162 are amended as described in Table 1, attached.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq., Clerk of the Council

Date

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES

I. Transit Fares

Regular cash fare or token	\$2.00
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$2.00
Route 70 cash fare or token	\$4.25
Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip	\$4.25
<u>Federal employees furloughed as part of a partial or general shutdown; this provision would be in effect only if authorized by the County Executive</u>	<u>Free</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	\$1.50
Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	\$3.75
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 from 8:30 am-4:00 pm Saturdays	Free
Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00pm weekdays and from 8:30 am-4:00 pm Saturdays	
with cash fare or token	\$1.00
with SmarTrip card	\$1.00
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	\$0.50
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Senior* with identification card for express Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays and 8:30 am-4:00 pm Saturdays with cash fare or token	\$2.10
with SmarTrip card	\$2.10
Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.60

Local bus-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.10
Boarding with weekly or monthly pass with SmarTrip	\$1.10

* 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 \$2.25 or Less Per Hr.
 - b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot \$1.50 or Less Per Hr.
 - c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage \$1.25 or Less Per Hr.

2. [Garage 49] All Gated Garages

Daily Maximum	\$15.00 Per Day
Lost Ticket	\$15.00 Per Day

3. A Garage Specific

Monthly Access Card	\$150.00 or Less Per Month
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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 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

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
 - 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
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 - 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

Monthly Permit	\$1.00 Per Hour \$189.00 Per Month
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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 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
2. Special Permits

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

D. Areas Outside Parking Lot Districts

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 [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

- 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

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

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, 2018 and June 30, 2019, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.