



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19853

Proposed No. 2024-0309.1

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation,
 2 revising Water Taxi rates of fare; amending Ordinance
 3 18411, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.820 and
 4 establishing an effective date.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. K.C.C. 4A.700.820 provides for fares for regularly scheduled county
 7 passenger ferry service, including fares for adults paying in cash or with a prepaid
 8 fare product, children, youth, seniors and persons with disabilities, and low-
 9 income riders.

10 2. The current fare rate on the West Seattle Water taxi route for adult cash fares is
 11 \$5.75, and for adult regular prepaid fares is \$5.00. The current fare rate on the
 12 Vashon Island water taxi route for adult cash fares is \$6.75, for adult regular
 13 prepaid fares is \$5.75.

14 3. K.C.C. 4A.700.820 establishes that " fare categories and rates are subject to,
 15 and defined by" several factors, including that "[a]ll fares shall be established
 16 only for a one-way trip," "[a]ll fares shall be rounded up to the next whole
 17 twenty-five cent increment," "[t]he cash fare is determined by adding a fifteen-
 18 percent surcharge to the regular prepaid fare and applies to cash and ticket
 19 purchases," and "[t]he low-income fare shall be twenty-five percent less than the
 20 regular fare."."

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21 4. The King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2021-2031,
 22 as adopted by Ordinance 19367, includes a strategy to "Align fares with other
 23 service providers, meet revenue targets, and advance equity through Metro's
 24 income-based approach to fares."

25 5. Washington state Ferries will implement a 4.25 percent increase to adult fares
 26 in October 2024.

27 6. Plans for water taxi service and capital investments assume periodic fare
 28 increases to adult fares.

29 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

30 SECTION 1. 18411, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.820 are hereby
 31 amended to read as follows:

32 A.1. Except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance, the following fare
 33 categories and rates are established for regularly scheduled passenger ferry service:

One-Way Water Taxi	West Seattle Water Taxi	Vashon Island Water Taxi
Fares	Route	Route
Cash fare	(((\$5.75)) <u>\$6.25</u>	(((\$6.75)) <u>\$7.00</u>
Regular prepaid fare	(((\$5.00)) <u>\$5.25</u>	(((\$5.75)) <u>\$6.00</u>
Child fare	No Charge	No Charge
Youth fare	No Charge	No Charge
Senior and persons with	\$2.50	\$3.00

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disabilities fare		
Bicycle fare	No Charge	No Charge
Low-income fare	\$3.75	\$4.50

- 34 2. The fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following:
- 35 a. All fares shall be established only for a one-way trip;
- 36 b. All fares shall be rounded up to the next whole twenty-five cent increment;
- 37 c. The cash fare is determined by adding a fifteen-percent surcharge to the
- 38 regular prepaid fare and applies to cash and ticket purchases;
- 39 d. The regular prepaid fare is established as the base rate for persons nineteen
- 40 years old and older using ORCA prepaid fare media;
- 41 e. The child fare is available to persons five years and under when
- 42 accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other person aged sixteen or older and paying the
- 43 proper fare as set forth in this chapter;
- 44 f. The youth fare is available to persons from six through eighteen years old
- 45 and persons over eighteen years old who receive valid student pass transit-fare products
- 46 under K.C.C. 4A.700.450;
- 47 g. The senior and persons with disabilities fare is available to persons who
- 48 apply for and receive a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to persons
- 49 at least sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional
- 50 reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255;
- 51 h. A person with a disability who has been issued an "attendant ride free"
- 52 permit as authorized under K.C.C. 4A.700.010 may be accompanied by an attendant, who
- 53 is not required to pay a fare;

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54 i. A person who has paid fare may bring a bicycle onto a water taxi at no
55 additional charge, up to the water taxi's bicycle capacity; and

56 j. The low-income fare is available to persons who apply for and are
57 determined to meet the threshold eligibility requirements for the low-income transit fare
58 program authorized under K.C.C. 4A.700.490, when effective, and receive a valid low-
59 income transit fare product. (~~The low income fare shall be twenty five percent less than~~
60 ~~the regular fare.~~)

61 B. A fare in subsection A. of this section is paid when a person pays the
62 appropriate amount in cash or presents an appropriate pass, transfer, or other fare

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63 payment media established under and used in accordance with this chapter.

64 SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect September 1, 2025.


Ordinance 19853 was introduced on 10/1/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/19/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay


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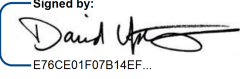
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