

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code (YMC) § 7.90.020 Transit Fees to provide fare-free service to individuals aged eighteen and under.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has approved the Move Ahead Washington transportation funding package; and,

WHEREAS, the Move Ahead Washington package provides grant funding to fully replace lost fare revenue from youth ticket sales for transit agencies that provide fare free-service to individuals aged eighteen and under; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

Section 1. Chapter 7.90.020 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.90.020 Transit fees.

The transit division fare rates are as follows:

A. Adult Fare.

(1) Except as provided in subsections (A)(2), B and C of this section, a fare of one dollar, referred to as an “adult fare,” shall be collected from each transit passenger for each trip taken on a transit bus, “trip” being defined for purposes of this chapter as the duration of a single transport from the point of a passenger entering the bus to the point of the passenger exiting the bus.

(2) An adult holding a current and valid monthly adult pass issued by the city of Yakima transit division for a fee of twenty-five dollars per month shall be entitled to ride any Yakima city transit bus an unlimited number of times, and at any time, by exhibiting such pass to the bus driver.

B. Youth Fare. The fare for passengers eighteen and under shall be set as follows:

(1) The youth fare shall be set at zero dollars and no fare is required. Proof of age may be required.

(2) No fare shall be required from prequalified passengers or passenger guests for Dial-A-Ride.

C. Reduced Fare.

(1) “Reduced Fare” Defined. “Reduced fare” shall mean a fare available to a person who has in his/her possession a reduced fare ID card and meets the following requirements:

- (a) Is a person sixty-two years of age or older; or
- (b) Is a person with disabilities and a Medicare cardholder.

(2) "Reduced Fare" Rates.

(a) A fare of fifty cents shall be collected from each "reduced fare" bus passenger.

(b) A passenger holding a current and valid "reduced fare bus pass" issued by the city of Yakima transit division for the fee of nine dollars per month shall be entitled to ride any Yakima city transit bus an unlimited number of times by exhibiting such pass to the bus driver.

D. Dial-A-Ride Fare. A fare of two dollars, referred to as the "dial-a-ride fare," shall be collected from each passenger who has been prequalified by the city as being eligible under the Americans with Disabilities Act for dial-a-ride transport. The dial-a-ride fare shall be required for each one-way trip made on the demand-responsive service provided by the city of Yakima and referred to as dial-a-ride, for qualified individuals with disabilities and subject to the following conditions:

(a) The dial-a-ride fare will not be collected from an attendant accompanying a dial a-ride passenger who has been authorized and preapproved by the city as requiring a personal care attendant.

(b) The dial-a-ride fare will be collected from each person six years of age or older who accompanies the disabled passenger, except as provided in subsection (B) or (D)(a) of this section, and in accord with the established dial-a-ride operating rules. (Ord. 2013-001 § 1, 2013: Ord. 2008-48 § 2, 2008).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2022 after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, signed and approved this 16th day of August, 2022.

Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

Publication Date: _____

Effective Date: _____