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WSR 22-13-129 EXPEDITED RULES TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

[Filed June 17, 2022, 2:11 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Amending WAC 468-300-010 Ferry passenger tolls—18 and under free passenger fares.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The purpose of this rule making is to amend WAC 468-300-010 fare tables and policy language to allow children/youth passenger riders 18 years and under to ride free of charge on all Washington state ferries system routes, effective October 1, 2022.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: ESSB 5974 passed the legislature in 2022, adding a new section to chapter 47.60 RCW directing the Washington state transportation commission to adopt a fare policy for Washington state ferries to allow passengers 18 years of age and younger to ride free of charge on all ferry routes. This fare change must apply to both walk-on passengers and passengers in vehicles, and the fare policy change must take effect no later than October 1, 2022.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 182, Laws of 2022; RCW 47.56.030, 47.60.315.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 47.56.030, 47.60.315.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Washington state transportation commission, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Aaron Halbert, 2404 Chandler Court S.W., Olympia, WA 98504, 360-705-7118; Implementation and Enforcement: Rick Singer, 2901 Third Avenue, Suite 5000, Seattle, WA 98121, 206-515-3403.

Agency Comments or Recommendations, if any, as to Statutory Lanquage, Implementation, Enforcement, and Fiscal Matters: Not applicable.

Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute. Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: This rule making adopts language as dictated under section 421, ESSB 5974, therefore no additional public process is necessary for adoption.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROC-ESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEAR-INGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EX-PRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Reema Griffith, Washington State Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47308, Olympia, WA 98504-7308, phone 360-705-7070, fax 360-705-6802, email transc@wstc.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY August 23, 2022.

> June 1, 2022 Reema Griffith Executive Director

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-18-069, filed 8/26/21, effective 9/26/21)

WAC 468-300-010 Ferry passenger tolls.

EFFECTIVE 03:00 A.M. October 1, 2021

ROUTES	Full Fare ⁹	Senior/ Disabled, Youth ⁹	Multiride Media 20 Rides ^{1, 9}	Monthly Pass ^{5, 9}	Bicycle Surcharge ²	
Via Auto Ferry *Fauntleroy-Southworth	7.20	3.60	58.60	93.80	1.00	
*Seattle-Bremerton *Seattle-Bainbridge Island *Edmonds-Kingston	9.25	4.60	75.00	120.00	1.00	
Port Townsend-Coupeville	3.85	1.90	63.60	101.80	0.50	
*Fauntleroy-Vashon *Southworth-Vashon *Pt. Defiance-Tahlequah	6.10	3.05	49.80	79.70	1.00	
*Mukilteo-Clinton	5.65	2.80	46.20	73.95	1.00	
*Anacortes to Lopez, Shaw, Orcas or Friday Harbor	14.85	7.40	98.30	N/A	2.00^{6}	
Between Lopez, Shaw, Orcas and Friday Harbor ⁴	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/A	N/C	
Anacortes to Sidney and Sidney to all destinations	21.80	10.90	N/A	N/A	4.00^{7}	
From Lopez, Shaw, Orcas and Friday Harbor to Sidney	13.70	6.85	N/A	N/A	2.00^{8}	
Lopez, Shaw, Orcas and Friday Harbor to Sidney (round trip) ³	26.90	13.20	N/A	N/A	4.00 ⁷	

All fares rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.

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B.C. Passes are valid for the period printed on the pass and will be presented to Washington state ferries staff or scanned through an automated turnstile whenever a passenger
fare is collected. This pass is based on 16 days of passenger travel with a 20% discount.
A \$1.00 retail/shipping and handling fee will be added to the price of the pass.
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The monthly pass is valid for a maximum of 31 round trips per month, is nontransferable, is nonreproducible, and is intended for a single user. Monthly passes purchased through the regional SmartCard program are also nontransferable and intended for a single user, but allow for unlimited usage.

- 6 BICYCLE SURCHARGE This becomes \$4.00 during peak season (May 1 through September 30).
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- ⁹CAPITAL SURCHARGE Included is a \$0.50 capital surcharge on each single passenger fare collected. On all multiride cards except for Port Townsend/Coupeville, the included capital surcharge is \$5.00. For Port Townsend/Coupeville, the included capital surcharge is \$10.00 on multiride cards. On all monthly passes except Port Townsend/Coupeville, there is included a \$8.00 capital surcharge. For Port Townsend/Coupeville, the included capital surcharge is \$16.00 on monthly passes. For passenger half fare on Port Townsend/Coupeville the capital surcharge is \$0.40.
- CHILDREN/YOUTH Children under six years of age will be carried free when accompanied by parent or guardian. Children/youths six through ((eighteen)) 18 years of age will be charged the youth fare, which will be 50% of full fare rounded down to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.
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- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES Any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity, upon presentation of a WSF Disability Travel Permit, Regional Reduced Fare Permit, or other identification which establishes a disability may travel at half-fare passenger tolls on any route where passenger fares are collected, which will be rounded down to the nearest multiple of \$0.05. In addition, people with disabilities who require attendant care while traveling on the ferries, and are so certified by their physician, may obtain an endorsement on their WSF Disability Travel Permit and such endorsement shall allow the attendant to travel free as a passenger.
- BUS PASSENGERS Passengers traveling on public transit buses pay the applicable fare. Passengers traveling in private or commercial buses will be charged the half-fare rate, which will be rounded down to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.
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- IN-NEED ORGANIZATIONS For qualified organizations serving in-need clients by providing tickets for transportation on WSF at no cost to clients, program would offer a monthly discount to approximate appropriate multiride media discount rates. Appointing bodies (those that appoint Ferry Advisory Committees) will nominate to the Washington State Transportation Commission those organizations that meet the criteria of the program. The Commission will review such nominations and certify those organizations that qualify. The following criteria will be used for nominating and certifying in-need organizations: Nongovernmental and notfor-profit organizations whose primary purpose is one or more of the following: Help clients with medical issues; provide clients with low-income social services; help clients suffering from domestic violence; provide clients with employment-seeking services; and/or help clients with Social Security. Travel will be initially charged based on full fare and billed monthly. The credits will be approximately based on the discount rates offered to multiride media users applicable on the date of travel.

- PROMOTIONAL TOLLS A promotional rate may be established at the discretion of the WSF Assistant Secretary, Executive Director for a specific discount in order to enhance total revenue and effective only at designated times on designated routes. A promotional fare product may also be established to support tourism or other special events. The promotional fare or product may be bundled and sold as part of a multiparty promotional program.
 - Special passenger fare rate(s) may be established for a pilot program in conjunction with the Central Puget Sound Regional Fare Integration project on ferry route(s) serving King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. The rate(s) may be established at the discretion of the WSF Assistant Secretary, Executive Director for a specific discount not to exceed ((fifty)) 50 percent of full fare.
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- FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DISTRICT FARE CONSIDERATION At the discretion of the WSF Assistant Secretary, WSF may authorize no-fare or discounted fare passage on scheduled and/or special ferry sailings for fire departments and fire districts that provide contracted fire protection services for WSF ferry terminals and/or other WSF facilities within their jurisdiction. Such passage shall be considered full and complete consideration for such fire protection services, in lieu of annual payments for such services, to be so noted in such fire protection agreements. The scope of such authorization includes designated fire department and fire district vehicles (see below), drivers and passengers en route to and from an emergency call, on ferry routes with a WSF terminal and/or other WSF facility served by a fire department or fire district pursuant to a WSF fire protection service agreement. Authorized vehicles may include public fire department and fire district medical aid units, fire trucks, incident command and/or other vehicles dispatched to and returning from an emergency call.
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3/22/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 47.60.325 and 47.56.030. WSR 81-15-099 (Order 23, Resolution No. 117), § 468-300-010, filed 7/22/81. Statutory Authority: RCW 47.60.325. WSR 81-08-044 (Order 17, Resolution No. 104), § 468-300-010, filed 3/31/81; WSR 80-16-012 (Order 16, Resolution No. 90), § 468-300-010, filed 10/27/80; WSR 80-04-104 (Order 15, Resolution No. 72), § 468-300-010, filed 4/1/80; WSR 79-09-136 (Order 11, Resolution No. 57), § 468-300-010, filed 9/5/79; WSR 79-04-047 (Order 6, Resolution No. 44), § 468-300-010, filed 3/27/79; WSR 78-06-040 (Order 2, Resolution No. 21), § 468-300-010, filed 5/19/78.]