

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3033

A Resolution Amending the Rate and Fare Structure for the Capital Transit System, and Repealing Resolution Serial no 2614.

WHEREAS, the Assembly, by Resolution Serial No. 2614, amended the comprehensive rate and fare structure for the Capital Transit System; and

WHEREAS, eligibility requirements for obtaining a VIP Bus Pass and Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service currently requires a licensed physician to certify eligibility; and

WHEREAS, new guidance from the Federal Transit Administration is to allow other health care professionals to make that certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Capital Transit Rates and Fares. Prices in this Section 1 include sales tax. The following rates and fares are established for the Capital Transit System:

A. One-Way Trip Fare. The fare for any one-way trip shall be:

\$2.00 cash or one token or \$1.00 for persons six years of age and older, but under the age of 19.

B. Tokens. Tokens shall be sold in the following units at the following rates:

Twenty tokens for \$31.50.

C. Senior Citizens, Children, and Military Personnel.

(1) A person over 65 years of age will be exempt from paying Capital Transit fare upon presenting a valid City and Borough of Juneau Senior Sales Tax Exemption identity card upon boarding the bus.

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- (2) No charge will be made for a child five years of age and under when that child is accompanied by a passenger more than five years of age.
 - (3) No charge will be made for active-duty United States military personnel in uniform or carrying current military identification, but not assigned to permanent duty in Juneau.
 - (4) No charge will be made for low-income persons with disabilities, as defined by policies and procedures adopted by the Manager.
- D. Monthly Passes. In lieu of a fare, a person may display a pass issued by the City and Borough allowing unlimited use by that person during the month for which it is issued, at a cost of \$40.00 per month.
- (1) The purchase price for students attending the University of Alaska Southeast and taking nine or more hours of credit per semester, or full-time short course students participating in programs with a minimum duration of four weeks shall be \$20.00 per month. Passes for these students may be purchased only by the University of Alaska Southeast for issuance to and use by students enrolled in the university.
 - (2) The purchase price for a youth monthly pass shall be \$12.00 per month. The youth monthly pass shall be used only by persons six years of age and older but under the age of 19.
- E. VIP Bus Passes for Persons with Disabilities. Except as provided in Section 1. C. (4) above, persons with disabilities who have applied for and received a VIP Bus Pass issued by Capital Transit or another agency of the City and Borough shall be required to pay the cash fare or purchase a monthly pass at a cost of \$12.00. Persons presenting a VIP Bus Pass and Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service by Capital Transit or another agency of the City and Borough shall be allowed to use the Care-A-Van at no cost. Such persons may be accompanied by one guest and, if so indicated on the VIP Bus Pass, one personal care attendant, each of whom shall travel at no cost.
- Those persons so authorized by the receipt of a Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service from another United States community will be afforded the same privileges as persons having a VIP Bus Pass and Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service.
- Those persons who represent themselves as able to qualify for a VIP Bus Pass and Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service will be afforded the same privileges as persons having a VIP Bus Pass and Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service for a period of 21 days following their initial use of the Care-A-Van Service.

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(1) Eligibility Requirements.

(a) Eligibility requirements for obtaining a VIP Bus Pass.

“Persons with disabilities” generally refers to those persons who, by reason of illness, injury, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, including those who are non-ambulatory, wheelchair users, and those with semi-ambulatory capabilities, are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected. A person with disabilities who presents proof of one of the following conditions is eligible to obtain a VIP Bus Pass:

- (i) Is currently eligible for social security disability benefits or currently receives supplemental security income benefits due to a disability;
- (ii) Is currently certified by the Veterans Administration at a 40 percent or greater disability level;
- (iii) Has a valid medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration; or
- (iv) Is certified by a licensed physician as eligible.

(b) Eligibility requirements for obtaining a VIP Bus Pass and Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service. A person who is certified by a treating professional who is familiar with the applicant’s disability, including a physician, physical therapist, occupational therapist, registered nurse, rehabilitation specialist, licensed social worker, optometrist, or psychologist ~~licensed physician~~ as eligible, as is further certified by a licensed physician as being "ADA Paratransit Eligible" shall be eligible for a VIP Bus Pass and Certificate of Eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service. A certification of ADA paratransit eligibility shall be based upon the applicant's inability to perform one of the following tasks, as attested to by the physician's certification:

- (i) If the person has a disability effecting mobility:
 - Move 200 feet without the assistance of another person;
 - Move 1/4 mile without the assistance of another person;

135 Climb three 12-inch steps without the assistance of another person;

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137 Wait outside without support for 10 minutes.

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139 (ii) If the person has a cognitive disability:

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141 Give addresses and telephone numbers upon request;

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143 Recognize a destination or landmark;

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145 Deal with unexpected situations, or change in routine;

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147 Ask for, understand, and follow simple directions;

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149 Safely negotiate traffic as a pedestrian.

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151 (ii) If the person has a visual impairment:

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153 It is certified by an optometrist or ophthalmologist as eligible.

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155 (2) Temporary VIP bus passes may be issued to persons with disabilities that

156 will last at least three months but no longer than one year.

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158 (3) Replacement VIP bus passes shall be issued upon payment of a fee of \$2.00.

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160 F. Experimental Rates. Experimental rates designed to improve the service or

161 utilization, or both, of the Capital Transit System may be instituted if approved

162 for a definite period by the Assembly by motion. The manager shall report to the

163 Assembly on the effects of experimental rates at a time sufficient to allow the

164 Assembly to institute a permanent rate change prior to the end of the

165 experimental period.

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167 **Section 2. Repeal of Resolution.** Resolution Serial No. 2614 is repealed.

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169 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its

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172 Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2023.

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176 Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

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179 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk