

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSIT SYSTEM ADULT FARE INCREASE
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR STOCKS
FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE
WITH RECOMMENDATION FROM TRANSIT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, a taxi service was established in the City of Watertown on July 1, 1990, to supplement local bus service; and,

WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 1994, the present shared-ride taxi system was implemented and local bus service was discontinued; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown contracts transit services out to a third-party contractor and is funded by fare revenues, state and federal grants, and the city's local share; and,

WHEREAS, current taxi service fares have been in effect since April 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the city's local share of funding the shared- ride taxi service has been increasing each year and no longer sustainable by the city's budget without an increase to transit fares; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Watertown held a public hearing on January 6, 2026, to hear public comments on the proposed fare increase, no comments were received, and,

WHEREAS, the Transit Commission and Finance Committee have recommended a fare increase effective February 1, 2026, of \$1.00 to adult fares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:

That the fares for the City of Watertown shared-ride taxi service be updated as follows and that the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to implement the updated fares.

| Category | 2016 | 2021 | 2023 | 2026 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Adult | 3.75 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Children Accompany Adult (same destination) | 1.75 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Children under 18 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Elderly/Disabled | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| 2 miles outside City limits | 8.00 | 8.50 | 10.00 | 10.00 |

| | <i>YES</i> | <i>NO</i> |
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| DAVIS | | |
| LAMPE | | |
| BERG | | |
| BARTZ | | |
| BLANKE | | |
| SMITH | | |
| ARNETT | | |
| WETZEL | | |
| MOLDENHAUER | | |
| MAYOR STOCKS | | |
| TOTAL | | |

ADOPTED January 20, 2026

CITY CLERK

APPROVED January 20, 2026

MAYOR