

**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>
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BERG		
BARTZ		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
ARNETT		
WETZEL		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR STOCKS		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED January 20, 2026

CITY CLERK

APPROVED January 20, 2026

MAYOR