

# **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSIT SYSTEM (TAXI SERVICE) FARE CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023**

## **SPONSOR: MAYOR MCFARLAND FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**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**, current taxi service fares have been in effect since August 1, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the contract with a private provider to operate the shared-ride taxi service increases annually and has increased from \$863,213 (2022) to \$934,973 (2023) and,

**WHEREAS**, the City's share of funding the shared-ride taxi service is anticipated to increase in future years as a result of increased costs and federal and state grant funding returning to pre-pandemic levels; and,

**WHEREAS**, the annual CPI increase for 2023 was 8.3% and a fare increase will help fund the Transit System; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Watertown held a public hearing on January 17, 2023 to hear public comments on the proposed fare increase but no members of the public appeared to comment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Commission and Finance Committee have recommended a fare increase effective April 1, 2023, of \$0.25 to fares for Elderly/Disabled within the City limits and \$1.50 to all fares outside the City limits (limited to two-mile radius).

## **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.

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>8/1/21 Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>4/1/23 Rate</u></b>
Adult	4.00	.00	4.00
Children Accompany Adult (same destination)	2.00	.00	2.00
Children under 18	3.00	.00	3.00
Elderly/Disabled (card required)	2.75	.25	3.00
Corner Stop Service	2.25	.00	2.25
Package/prescription delivery	8.25	.00	8.25
2 miles outside City	8.50	1.50	10.00

Agency/MTM  
9.00

9.00

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	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
RUETTEN		
BARTZ		
LICHT		
SMITH		
SCHMID		
WETZEL		
ROMLEIN		
MAYOR MCFARLAND		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED February 20, 2023

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED February 20, 2023

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