

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSIT SYSTEM (TAXI SERVICE) FARE
CHANGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021**

**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 May 1, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of the contract with a private provider to operate the shared-ride taxi service increases annually and has increased from \$737,382 (actual 2016) to \$863,213 (estimated); 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 Common Council of the City of Watertown held a public hearing on June 1, 2021 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 August 1, 2021 of \$0.25 to fares within the City limits and \$0.50 to 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.


Category	5/1/16 Rate	8/1/21 Rate	Change
Adult	3.75	4.00	.25
Children Accompany Adult (same destination)	1.75	2.00	.25
Children under 18	2.75	3.00	.25
Elderly/Disabled(card required)	2.50	2.75	.25
Corner Stop Service	2.00	2.25	.25
Package/prescription delivery	8.00	8.25	.25
2 miles outside City	8.00	8.50	.50
Agency/MTM	9.00	9.00	.00

	YES	NO
PASCH	absent	
WENDT	✓	
RUETTEN (2)	✓	
BARTZ	✓	
LICHT	✓	
WAGNER (1)	✓	
SCHMID	✓	
WETZEL	absent	
ROMLEIN	✓	
MAYOR MCFARLAND		
TOTAL	7	0

ADOPTED July 6, 2021


CITY CLERK/TREASURER

APPROVED July 6, 2021


MAYOR