

Introduced by Buffaloe

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Ordinance No. 025451

Council Bill No. B 211-23

**AN ORDINANCE**

amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to suspend transportation fares for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System for the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 22-29. Transportation fares.

(a) The following fares shall be in effect on all fixed route buses operated by the transit division:

(1) Regular fares

Per ride .....	\$1.50
Daily pass .....	\$3.00
30-day Full Fare (Tickets).....	\$55.00
25-Ride Full Fare (Tickets) .....	\$30.00

(2) Half fares. Disabled, elderly, Medicare or Medicaid recipients, or individuals who can validate that they are persons with annual incomes equal to or below one hundred eighty-five (185) per cent of the federal poverty level.

Per ride .....	\$0.75
30-Day Half Fare (Tickets).....	\$25.00
25-Ride Half Fare (Tickets).....	\$15.00

(3) Semester passes. Students of any university, college or trade, public or private school in the City of Columbia, Missouri, with the showing of a valid student identification card.

Per regular semester ..... \$100.00  
 After October 15 (fall semester) and March 15 (spring semester) .... \$50.00

- (4) Semester pass discounts. Any agency, entity, organization or business may purchase discounted semester passes, on behalf of their customers, at the following discounted rates:

Per regular semester if purchased in groups of  
 20—1,000 ..... \$65.00 per pass  
 After October 15 (fall semester) and March 15 (spring semester)  
 if purchased in groups of 20—1,000 ..... \$32.00 per pass  
 Per regular semester if purchased in groups of  
 more than 1,000 ..... \$50.00 per pass  
 After October 15 (fall semester) and March 15 (spring semester)  
 if purchased in groups of more than 1,000 ..... \$25.00 per pass

- (5) Youth ride free. Any child or young adult, eighteen (18) years of age or younger, may ride for free when presenting a valid school identification card or transit issued identification card. Children who are not of school age do not need to present an identification card.
- (6) Downtown employee discount fare. The first two hundred (200) employees of businesses located in the central business district who present a pay stub or equivalent document from their employer.

30-day half fare (tickets/fast passes) ..... \$25.00

(b) The following fares shall be in effect on all vehicles used to provide paratransit service operated by the transit division:

- (1) Certified ADA eligible persons or companion, per ride ..... \$2.00
- (2) Registered personal care attendant accompanying a certified ADA eligible person ..... Free

(c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions are established:

*ADA eligible:* Any person exhibiting a valid ADA eligibility card and is certified as eligible for the specific paratransit service requested.

*Central business district:* The area bounded by College Avenue on the east, Elm Street and Elm Street extended on the south, Garth Avenue on the west, and Park Avenue and Park Avenue extended on the north.

*Disabled:* Any person certified as disabled by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability.

*Elderly:* Any person age sixty-five (65) or over who exhibits a pass showing proof of age, Medicaid, Medicare or other ID.

*Fixed route buses:* Any vehicle operated on the routes published in the schedules for the Columbia Area Transit System.

*Medicare or Medicaid recipient:* Any person, regardless of age, who is a Medicare or Medicaid recipient and exhibits a valid Medicare or Medicaid card.

*Regular semester:* The period from January 1 to May 31 or from August 1 to December 31.

*Youth:* A child age zero (0) through eighteen (18) years inclusive.

(d) The fares established by this section shall not be charged or collected from October 1, 2023-2022 through September 30, 2024-2023.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after October 1, 2022.

PASSED this 18th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Counselor