

City of Columbia 701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works To: City Council From: City Manager & Staff Council Meeting Date: August 6, 2018 Re: Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code relating to Paratransit Service Fares

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Section 22-29 of the City Code to establish a new fare for paratransit service by increasing the fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per ride effective June 1, 2019.

Discussion

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations will not allow ADA transit fares to exceed twice the cost of a regular fare on the fixed route system, which is currently \$1.50. The current paratransit service fare is \$2.00 thus raising that fare by \$1.00, to the maximum of \$3.00, would recoup approximately \$57,000 in revenue. The proposed fare increase would not enable additional services, but would help defray the rising costs to provide paratransit service. If Council concurs with staff recommendation to increase the paratransit fare by \$1.00, pass the ordinance to establish the new rate of \$3.00 per ride effective June 1, 2019.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The increase of the paratransit service fare to \$3.00 per ride would result in an annual revenue increase of approximately \$57,000.

Long-Term Impact: Estimated annual revenue increase of approximately \$57,000.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History	
Date	Action
09/19/2011	Ord 21073-amending Chapter 22 relating to transportation fare increases on fixed bus routes.
09/15/2008	Ord 20048-amending Chapter 22 relating to transportation fare increases.



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Suggested Council Action

Following public input and Council discussion at the upcoming FY2019 budget public hearings, Council should pass the ordinance amending Section 22-29 of the City Code to establish a new fare for paratransit service effective June 1, 2019.