

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

NO. 2013-289

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	Frank Abart		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>JUL 30 2013</p> <p>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</p> </div>	8/6/13	Introduction
Division Head:	Frank Abart			9/10/13	Pub Wks Comm.
Dept. Head:	<del>Frank Abart</del>	7/24/2013		9/10/13	Hearing
Prosecutor:	Dan Gibson	7/25/13			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	7/15/13			
Executive:	Jacks Louws	<del>7/15/13</del>			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

**Ordinance amending the 2013 Unified Fee Schedule**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

SEPA review required?	( ) Yes	( X ) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing?	( X ) Yes	( ) NO
SEPA review completed?	( ) Yes	( X ) NO	Requested Date:		

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:** (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

This ordinance amends the 2013 Unified Fee Schedule to incorporate a "Ferry Non-Payment Fee" that will be levied against ferry customers who board the ferry without proper payment or valid ferry punch cards in addition to the regular ferry fare owed.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number:
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**WHATCOM COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**FRANK M. ABART  
Director**



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**MEMORANDUM**

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**JACK LOUWS  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**TO:** The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, and  
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**FROM:** Frank M. Abart, Director *[Signature]* 7/24/2013

**RE:** An Ordinance to Amend the 2013 Unified Fee Schedule

**DATE:** July 23, 2013

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**Requested Action:**

Consideration of the attached ordinance that amends the 2013 Unified Fee Schedule to incorporate a "Ferry Non-Payment Fee" that will be levied against ferry customers who board the ferry without proper payment or valid ferry punch cards in addition to the regular ferry fare owed.

These changes will occur within thirty (30) days after the date of signature of this ordinance by the Whatcom County Executive.

**Background and Purpose:**

The Whatcom Chief Employees, the Whatcom County Council, and the State Auditor's office have all verbally expressed issues and concerns regarding ferry customers boarding the Whatcom Chief without proper payment or valid ferry punch cards. Additionally, the State Auditor's office has also verbally expressed concern regarding extending credit of the County and a lack of process to deter this behavior.

The intended action is to amend the 2013 Unified Fee Schedule to incorporate a "Ferry Non-Payment Fee" that will be levied against ferry customers who board the ferry without proper payment or valid ferry punch cards in addition to the regular ferry fare owed. The Ferry Non-Payment Fee mirrors the current Non-Sufficient Funds Fee in the 2013 Unified Fee Schedule.

**Other Information:**

Public Works is also developing a Non-Payment Form that the pursers on the Whatcom Chief will issue to any and all customers who board the Whatcom Chief without sufficient funds or valid punch cards.

Public Works Accounting is developing policies and procedures for this new task and will also provide a training class for all Whatcom County Ferry employees.

If you have any questions please call Frank Abart at extension 50678. Thank you.

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PROPOSED BY: Frank Abart

SPONSORED BY: BY: Public Works

INTRODUCTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY 2013 UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS,** The Whatcom County 2013 Unified Fee Schedule addresses interpretation of the rate schedule; and

**WHEREAS,** The Whatcom County Ferry, the Whatcom Chief, has reported issues with customers boarding the Whatcom Chief without proper payment or valid ferry punch cards; and

**WHEREAS,** The State Auditor’s Office has verbally expressed concerns regarding the non-payment issues; and

**WHEREAS,** The Whatcom County Council has also expressed concerns related to the non-payment of ferry fares; and

**WHEREAS,** The State Auditor’s Office has also verbally expressed concern regarding extending credit of the County and lack of process to deter this behavior;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that a “Ferry Non-Payment Fee” be levied against ferry customers who board the ferry without proper payment or valid ferry punch cards in addition to the regular ferry fare owed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Unified Fee Schedule be amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit A to this ordinance, and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this change will become effective within thirty (30) days after the date of signature of this ordinance by the Whatcom County Executive.

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**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**ATTEST:**

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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Kathy Kershner, Council Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Jack Louws, County Executive

( ) Approved      ( ) Denied

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit AB – 20132 Unified Fee Schedule Amendment**      **Department Fees and Charges**

**Public Works - Ferry & Docks**

UFS#	Description	20120 Rate	20132 Rate	Rate Basis	Authorization	Authority
<b><u>Pedestrians</u></b>						
1. 5043	Passenger/Pedestrian	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
2. 5045	Passenger/Pedestrian – Multiride	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	25 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
3. 5046	Children under 12 W/ Parent	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
4. 5047	Children 12 to Under 19 yrs –	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
6. 5049	Needs Based Passenger/Pedestrian (Senior/Disabled/Income)	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	25 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
7. 5050	Post-High School Full-time Students	\$ 23.00	\$23.00	25 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
8. 5051	Lummi Tribe W/ I.D.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Foot Passage Only	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
<b><u>Passenger Vehicles</u></b>						
9. 5052	Bicycle W/Rider	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
10. 5053	Motorcycle W/Driver	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
11. 5053PC	Motorcycle W/Driver	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	25 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
12. 5054	Vehicle W/Driver < 8,001 lbs.	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
13. 5055	Vehicle W/Driver <8,001 lbs. – Multiride	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	10 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
14. 5056	Vehicle W/Driver <8,001 lbs. – Multiride	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	25 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052

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**Exhibit AB – 2013 Unified Fee Schedule Amendment Department Fees and Charges**

**Public Works - Ferry & Docks**

UFS#	Description	2012 Rate	2013 Rate	Rate Basis	Authorization	Authority
15. 5057	Needs Based Vehicle W/Driver Senior/Disabled/Income	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00	10 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
<b>Larger Vehicles</b>						
16. 5058	Vehicle W/Driver 8,001- 20,000 lbs.	\$ 29.00	\$ 29.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
17. 5059	Vehicle W/Driver 8,001 - 20,000 lbs.	\$ 207.00	\$ 207.00	10 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
18. 5060	Vehicle W/Driver 20,001- 36,000 lbs.	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
19. 5061	Vehicle W/Driver 20,001 - 36,000 lbs.	\$494.00	\$ 494.00	10 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
20. 5062	Vehicle W/Driver 36,001- 50,000 lbs.	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
21. 5063	Vehicle W/Driver 36,001- 50,000 lbs.	\$ 1040.00	\$ 1040.00	10 Round Trips	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
22. 5064	Trailer under 16 feet	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
23. 5065	Trailer 16 – 30 feet	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
24. 5066	Trailer over 30 feet	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
25. 5067	Over width Vehicle/Trailers > 1 Lane	50%Surcharge	50%Surcharge	Surcharge	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
<b>Special Trips</b>						
26. 5068	Special Trips after regularly scheduled runs	\$575.00	\$575.00	Per trip surcharge	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2008-052
<b>Surcharge</b>						
27. 5044	Per Trip Surcharge	\$0.00	\$3.00	1 Round Trip	WCC 10.34	Ordinance 2010-054

<sup>▲</sup> Additional Fees  
 28. 5069 Ferry Non-Payment Fee 2013  
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