

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-091

AMENDING THE RATES OF FARES TO BE CHARGED BY THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has statutory authority to establish the fares charged by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority previously amended the rate of fares, to the current rate, under Resolution 2010-019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to amend Resolution 2010-019 to add a juvenile violation fare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

Section 1. That, effective February 1, 2011, Section 1 of Resolution 2010-019 is amended to add the following:

JUVENILE VIOLATION FARE - Proof of Payment Fare System

All passengers, including juveniles, are required to have in their possession proof of purchase of a valid, paid fare whenever present in any facilities or vehicles that have been restricted to passengers with a pre-purchased fare. Any juvenile found without proof of a valid, paid fare is in violation of this requirement and will be issued a warning. After the initial warning, any juvenile found without proof of a valid, paid fare is in violation of this requirement and shall be charged a Violation Fare at an amount not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

The Violation Fare shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the notice of fare violation by U.S. Mail, GCRTA website, or in person at the GCRTA Customer Service Center.

If a juvenile fails to pay the Violation Fare, within the thirty (30) day notice of the violation, the record may be forwarded to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Juvenile Division, for referral to the County's Community Diversion Program.

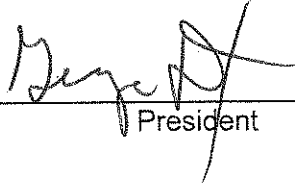
Section 2. That all other provisions of Resolution 2010-019 shall remain in effect.

Section 3. This resolution will sunset six months from February 1, 2011.


Section 4. The Board of Trustees will review the status of the Juvenile Violation Fare prior to the sunset of this resolution. As part of the review, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer will provide the Board of Trustees with demographic data gathered during the implementation of the Juvenile Violation Fare.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 23, 2010



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AMENDING FARES TO ADD A JUVENILE VIOLATION FARE	Resolution No.: 2010-091
	Date: November 19, 2010
	Initiator: Operations & OMB
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: Resolution 2010-019 established the current rates of fares. The Resolution did not contain a juvenile violation fare for the proof-of-payment transit system. This amendment establishes a juvenile violation fare.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: A juvenile violation fare is needed in order to provide administrative authority for the collection of a violation fare for juvenile fare evaders. The provision authorizes the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to establish a violation fare, at an amount not to exceed \$50.00. If payment is not made, GCRTA will forward the information to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office (Juvenile Division) for referral to the county's Diversion Program Administrator. On the first offense, any juvenile fare evader will be issued a warning. The juvenile fare will be enforced on the second and subsequent offenses.

Staff will provide an update on the juvenile violation fares and the Diversion Program to the Board of Trustees after six months and after one year from the date of implementation of the juvenile violation fare.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This action modifies the Resolution establishing current rates of fares by adding in a juvenile violation fare provision. It does not increase the base fare paid by any passenger.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The addition of a juvenile violation fare will provide a means by which GCRTA can enforce its proof-of-payment system against juvenile fare evaders.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not approving the juvenile violation fare will leave GCRTA with the criminal court system as the only option with which to enforce our fare policy.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This action has been previously discussed with the Finance Committee. The proposal has been modified to include the provision for an initial warning to any juvenile that is found without a valid paid fare, and to establish a flat juvenile fare of \$50.00. It is recommended that the amendment to the current rates of fares, establishing a juvenile violation fare, be accepted and the resolution passed.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer