

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-81

ADOPTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR ADULT PROOF OF PAYMENT VIOLATORS

WHEREAS, Passengers 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 pre-purchased fare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to adopt an administrative fee that may be paid by adults who are found to be in violation of the proof of payment system.

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

Section 1. That, effective November 1, 2011, adults found to be in violation of the Proof of Payment fare collection system may pay an administrative fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) within seventy-two (72) business hours and a criminal citation will not be filed. If, however, the administrative fee is not paid within seventy-two (72) business hours, the citation will be referred to the appropriate court for criminal prosecution.


Section 2. That the \$25.00 administrative fee shall be paid within seventy-two (72) hours to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority by U.S. mail, GCRTA website, or in person at the GCRTA Customer Service Center.

Section 3. That adults who receive a violation citation after November 1, 2011 and, thereafter, receive an additional violation citation within twenty-four (24) months are not eligible for the administrative fee in lieu of the filing of a criminal citation.

Section 4. After twenty-four (24) months from a previous violation, the \$25.00 administrative fee described in Section 1 may be paid and a criminal citation will not be filed.

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

Adopted: September 20, 2011



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR ADULT PROOF OF PAYMENT VIOLATORS	Resolution No.: 2011- 81
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	Initiator: Operations and Finance & Administration
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- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: To adopt an administrative fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) for adults who are found to be in violation of the proof of payment fare collection system.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The administrative fee is an opportunity for adult violators to avoid criminal prosecution. If the administrative fee is paid within seventy-two (72) business hours of receiving the citation, the citation will be waived. The administrative fee option only applies to adults who are found to be in violation once in a two-year period.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: The administrative fee allows GCRTA to enforce its proof of payment system against adult violators without criminal prosecution. The Proof of Payment system was approved by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2008-142. The current Rates of Fares are stated in Resolution 2010-011, as amended by Resolution 2010-019.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The administrative fee will assist in covering the cost of the fare and the cost in enforcing the proof of payment system.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not approve the administrative fee and leave criminal prosecution as the only means of enforcing the proof of payment system against adults.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board adopt the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) administrative fee.

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

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer