

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPERSEDING R20240282, SUSPENDING THE SALE OF
AND LIMITING FUTURE USE OF PAPER PUNCH CARDS

WHEREAS, Skagit County ("County") owns and operates a vehicle and passenger ferry (herein "ferry") between Anacortes, Washington, and Guemes Island, Washington; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2024, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners ("Board") adopted Resolution R20240282, suspending the sale of and limiting the future use of printed paper punch cards, as established and provided therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R20240282, the sale of all printed paper punch cards was terminated and has ended effective as of December 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R20240282, the Board further established terms for the limited future use of printed paper punch cards purchased prior to December 30, 2024, providing that any and all printed paper vehicle punch cards cannot be used after March 14, 2025 (regardless of the printed expiration date on the punch card), unless the punch card purchaser elects to use the vehicle punch cards for passenger fares during the scheduled 2025 drydock, in which case one (1) vehicle punch shall be credited as equal to one (1) passenger punch on the card, and after the completion of the scheduled 2025 ferry drydock, no paper punch cards will be allowed for use whatsoever (for passenger and/or vehicle fares); and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2024, the ferry unexpectedly suspended service until January 6, 2025, for emergency repairs (per R20250002), causing inconvenience to the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, due to the inconvenience caused by the unanticipated emergency outage of ferry service, the now Board wishes to modify the expiration date on all paper punch cards (marked with an expiration date), regardless of purchase date, to exactly two (2) weeks following the ferry's return from dry dock (with the exact date to be subsequently specified by the County Engineer, or her/his designee), which requires R20240282 to be amended accordingly; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of R20240282, it was determined that between August 1, 2018 and August 15, 2023, the County sold ten (10) trip vehicle and driver non-expiry convenience punch cards for the ferry (the "Convenience Cards") that were originally anticipated to be valid until used, and some ferry riders may still possess such Convenience Cards; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of R20240282, it was determined that there may be public confusion as to the future use of the Convenience Cards, and in order to address such potential confusion, the Board now wishes to allow for the limited continued use of such Convenience Cards through the end of 2025, which also requires R20240282 to be amended accordingly; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, a limited number of printed paper punch cards were sold without an expiration date per R20200047 (the "COVID Emergency Punch Cards"), which allowed for temporary deviations from standard ticketing practices to address the emergency, and said emergency is no longer in effect; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of R20240282, it was determined that there is public confusion as to the future use of the COVID Emergency Punch Cards, with members of the public mistakenly believing that such previously purchased COVID Emergency Punch Cards could still be used at any time after the COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, in order to address such public confusion, the Board wishes to accommodate holders of such COVID Emergency Punch Cards by allowing for the limited continued use of such COVID Emergency Punch Cards through the end of 2025, which also requires R20240282 to be amended accordingly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R20120126 and R20150262, punch card purchasers are responsible and liable for any lost, stolen, or expired punch cards, and this resolution does not or amend alter such terms established by said resolutions.

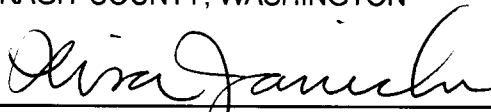
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the sale of all paper punch card sales was and will continue to be suspended effective December 30, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that except for the COVID Emergency Punch Cards and the Convenience Cards (marked "no expiry"), any and all other printed paper punch cards (regardless of the printed expiration date on the punch card) cannot be used whatsoever after and beyond two (2) weeks following the date of the ferry's return from 2025 drydock (with the exact date to be subsequently specified by the County Engineer, or her/his designee); provided, that punch card holders may elect to use vehicle punch cards for passenger fares during the scheduled 2025 drydock, in which case one (1) vehicle punch shall be credited as equal to one (1) passenger punch on the card until completion of the 2025 drydock; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that only the COVID Emergency Punch Cards (issued without an expiration date) and the Convenience Cards (marked "no expiry"), will otherwise be allowed for regular use by the holders of such COVID Emergency Punch Cards and 10-trip Convenience Cards until and through December 31, 2025, and after such time no use of COVID Emergency Punch Cards or Convenience Cards will be allowed whatsoever.

PASSED this 21 day of January, 2025.

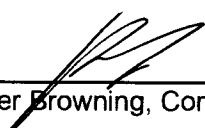
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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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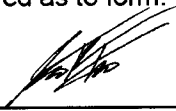


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