

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION 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 July 27, 2023, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners (“Board”) adopted Resolution R20230152, establishing the 2023/2024 Guemes Island Ferry fare schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Board is considering the adoption of a new ferry fare schedule for 2025, ; and

WHEREAS, the 2023/2024 ferry fare schedule includes a 90-day expiration date on all vehicle and passenger discounted paper multi-ride punch cards; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the new ferry fare schedule, the new e-ticketing system, and the 2025 ferry dry dock, the Board would like to suspend the sale of discounted paper multi-ride punch card; on December 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that discounted paper multi-ride punch cards would eventually be discontinued when the new e-ticketing system launches in spring, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes there are limited quantities of paper punch cards in stock and has directed Public Works to discontinue printing paper punch cards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R20240256, a public hearing was held on December 20, 2024, to solicit input on the 2024 Ferry Fare Revenue Target Report, the 2025 Guemes Island Ferry fare proposal, and a draft of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the ferry dry dock will begin March 15, 2025, upon which date all vehicle punch cards cannot be used for vehicle fares; and

WHEREAS, the Board does not wish to extend expiration dates on any punch cards beyond the said scheduled six (6) week vessel dry dock.

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 amend or alter such terms established by said resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all paper punch card sales will be suspended as of the close of business on December 30, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that due to limited quantities in stock, paper punch card sales through December 30, 2024, will be subject to availability of existing printed stock on hand, and shall be limited to (2) punch cards per customer on a first come first served basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that all paper punch cards sold through December 30, 2024, will be valid for use only until the expiration date printed on the punch card; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that any and all 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).

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Peter Browning, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

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