

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #R20250259 AND ESTABLISHING THE 2026
ADJUSTED FERRY FARE SCHEDULE**

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

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2025, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners (“Board”) adopted Resolution #R20250259, establishing the 2026 Guemes Island Ferry fare schedule in Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the 30% fare increase was not applied to the oversized vehicle categories; therefore, the fare increase was not applied in the same way it was to all other fares; and

WHEREAS, due to an outdated percentage entry in the fare calculation spreadsheet, the oversize vehicle fares were incorrect and were not appropriately increased in the same manner as other fare categories; and

WHEREAS, this issue was brought up by the Commissioners during the November 10 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Board desires to amend Resolution #R20250259, at Exhibit C, to adjust the oversized vehicle and oversized vehicle 5-trip convenience pass fares to correct the error in those fare categories only (all other fare categories will remain unchanged); and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 20, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. to consider public comment regarding amending Resolution #R20250259, and a public comment period was open March 19 through the close of the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that **Exhibit C** of Resolution #R20250259 (the Guemes Island Ferry Fare Schedule) is hereby amended and revised as per the attached **Exhibit C** (incorporated herein) and is adopted as the 2026 Guemes Island Adjusted Ferry fare schedule, effective upon adoption; and

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ron Wesen, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Joe Burns, Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

Approved as to Content:

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Department Head

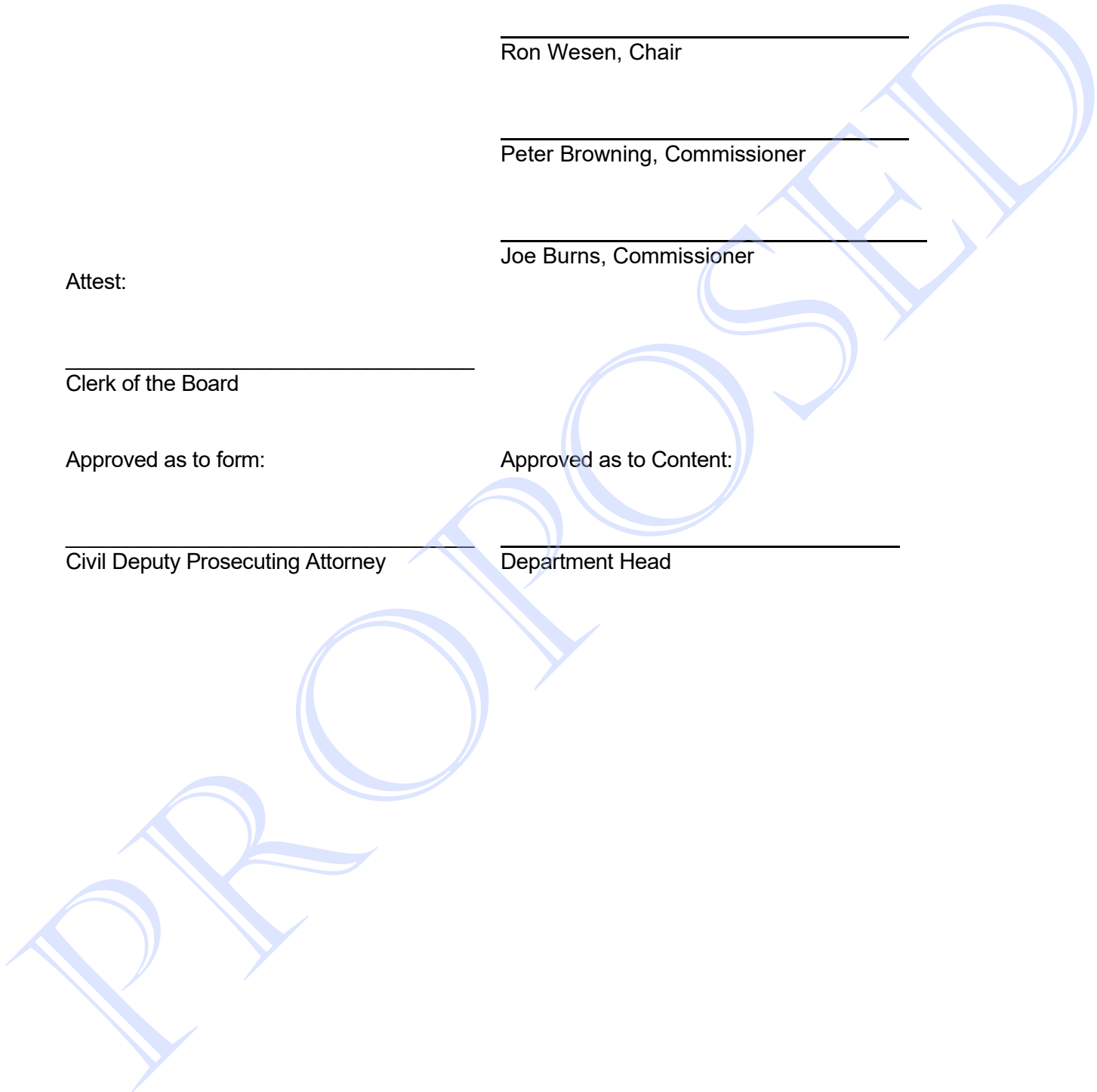


EXHIBIT C - 2026 ADJUSTED GUEMES ISLAND FERRY FARE SCHEDULE

Includes all non-oversize vehicle fares adopted January 1, 2026

Includes adjusted fares for oversize vehicle and oversize vehicle 5-trip convenience pass fares.

2026 Guemes Island Ferry Fare Schedule	2026 POSTED FARE Effective JAN. 1, 2026		2026 ADJUSTED POSTED FARE	
	NON-PEAK	PEAK	NON-PEAK	PEAK
FARES ^{(1) (2) (3)}				
PASSENGER ^{(1) (2) (3)}				
Adult	6.75	8.50	6.75	8.50
Senior (+65)/Disabled	4.50	5.00	4.50	5.00
Youth - 18 and under ⁽⁴⁾	Free	Free	Free	Free
Rider & Bicycle	8.50	10.75	8.50	10.75
Riders & Bicycle senior/disabled	6.50	7.25	6.50	7.25
PASSENGER CONVENIENCE PASS ^{(1) (2) (3) (5)}				
25-trip adult passenger	153.75	197.50	153.75	197.50
25-trip senior/disabled	106.00	118.50	106.00	118.50
VEHICLE (22 FT OR LESS INCLUCING OVERHANG) ^{(1) (2) (3)}				
Motorcycle & rider	12.50	17.50	12.50	17.50
Vehicle/driver under 22 feet	21.50	26.50	21.50	26.50
Vehicle/driver senior/disabled under 22 feet	17.50	21.50	17.50	21.50
VEHICLE & DRIVER CONVENIENCE PASS ^{(1) (2) (3)}				
20-trip under 22 feet	416.00	496.00	416.00	496.00
20-trip under 22 feet senior/disabled	330.00	410.00	330.00	410.00
20-trip Motorcycle	245.00	325.00	245.00	325.00
VEHICLE NEEDS-BASED PASS ^{(1) (2) (3) (6)}				
5-trip Senior/Disabled (RCW 84.36.381) needs-based	71.00	88.00	71.00	88.00
OVERSIZED VEHICLES ^{(1) (2) (3)}				
Over 22 feet under 30 feet	28.75	35.75	33.50	42.00
Under 40 feet	60.00	71.25	66.25	80.50
Under 50 feet	88.00	103.50	99.00	123.25
Under 60 feet	117.50	132.50	144.50	168.50
Each 10 foot over 60	20.50	22.25	24.75	28.50
Over width charge (over 8 feet 6 inches)	Double Length Charge			
OVERSIZED VEHICLES 5-TRIP CONVENIENCE PASS ^{(1) (2) (3)}				
Over 22 feet under 30 feet	143.75	178.75	167.50	210.00
Under 40 feet	300.00	356.25	331.25	402.50
Under 50 feet	440.00	517.50	495.00	616.25
Under 60 feet	587.50	662.50	722.50	842.50

MISCELLANEOUS	2026 (Effective Jan. 1, 2026) 2026 Updated
Operating Hours Extra Run ⁽⁷⁾	761.25 761.25
Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Run ⁽⁸⁾	1,027.69 1,027.69
After-Hours Private Charter ⁽⁹⁾	3,345.40 3,345.40
After-Hours Emergency Services ⁽¹⁰⁾	Actual Cost

- (1) All tickets (including convenience passes) are valid through December 31, 2026. Non-peak tickets cannot be used during the peak season (May 20 – September 30).
- (2) No refunds. For questions, contact pw@co.skagit.wa.us.
- (3) Posted fares include capital vessel replacement surcharge.
- (4) Includes youth traveling on school bus and youth traveling with bicycle.
- (5) Bicycle free with passenger convenience pass.
- (6) Needs-based passes must be purchased in person at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, ahead of sailing. Eligibility: Guemes Island residents who qualify for, and are actively enrolled in, the County’s Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Exemption Program, as administered by the Skagit County Assessor’s Office per RCW 84.36.381, providing certain property tax exemptions for qualifying persons.
- (7) The rate for an extra run during operating hours is \$761.25 (in year 2026). This run is typically offered immediately following the 11:15 a.m. sailing, if available as determined by Ferry Division Manager or his/her designee. Advanced reservations are required, and service is not guaranteed. To request advanced reservations, call the ferry terminal main office at (360) 293-6433 or email pw@co.skagit.wa.us.
- (8) The rate for the hazardous materials (HAZMAT) run is \$1,027.69 (in year 2026), which covers one trip to Anacortes and one return trip from Guemes Island. This fare may be split by multiple companies onboard and applies regardless of how many trucks are traveling.
- (9) Private charter after-hours ferry service is dependent on the availability of the vessel and crew, and service is not guaranteed. When the ferry is available, as determined by Ferry Division Manager or his/her designee, the after-hours charter fare is \$3,345.40, with a 3-hour maximum. Advance reservation for this service is highly encouraged. This fare does not apply to after-hours emergency services dispatched by 911.
- (10) Emergency services dispatched by 911, Sheriff, Fire, or Utility Dispatch for after-hours ferry service (outside the published sailing schedule), is dependent on the availability of the vessel and crew, and service is not guaranteed. When the ferry is available, as determined by Ferry Division Manager or his/her designee, the fare will be actual hourly costs plus indirect Cost Allocation for Road Funds (Admin Fee). Actual costs include hourly overtime salaries, wages, benefits, fuel, supplies, consumables, and fixed costs associated with operating the ferry system. Fuel, supplies, consumables, and fixed costs will be based on the cost per hour calculation from the 2025 preliminary budget as follows.

2026 Cost Per Hour

Operating supplies - \$25.74
 Fuel - \$46.99
 Fixed costs - \$687.37
 Wages & benefits – TBD

After-hours emergency services have a base cost of \$760.10 for 2026. In addition to this base fee, actual salaries, benefits, and an administrative fee of 18.24% (2025 rate) will apply. The administrative fee will be automatically adjusted on January 1 each year, in alignment with the most current version of the Skagit County Central Services Cost Allocation Plan, as certified by the County Auditor.

Note, after-hours ferry service is not guaranteed. If the request for services is cancelled by 911 or Sheriff/Fire Dispatch, or if the ferry is unavailable, an invoice will be generated for any costs incurred up until cancellation or notice of unavailability.

In accordance with Resolution R20120140, the hours of operation for the Guemes Island Ferry are:

Peak Season (May 20 through September 30)

Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Friday-Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Non-Peak Season (October 1 through May 19)

Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Friday-Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

After-hours service is defined as any services requested outside the hours of operation listed above. These times coincide with the published sailing schedule.