

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTIONS R20050298, R20050405 AND R20060338 AND ESTABLISHING A SUMMER SURCHARGE ON ALL SINGLE CASH FARES FOR VEHICLES AND PASSENGERS, INCLUSION OF A SENIOR AND DISABLED COUPON BOOK CATEGORY IN THE FARE SCHEDULE, CLARIFYING SENIOR AND DISABLED DISCOUNTS, AND ESTABLISHING OTHER FARE ADJUSTMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, Skagit County operates the Guemes Island Ferry (Ferry) between Anacortes, Washington and Guemes Island, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners (Board) has adopted Resolution R20050298, establishing the passage fare schedule for the Guemes Island Ferry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has adopted Resolution R20050405 amending Resolution R20050298, establishing a new rate structure for Senior or Disabled user tickets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has adopted Resolution R20060338 amending Resolution R20050298, establishing fares for Senior or Disabled motorcycle user tickets; and

**WHEREAS**, the fares as set in Resolutions R20050298, R20050405 and R20060338 no longer generate enough revenue to adequately defray expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2008, the Board signed R20080018 establishing a policy for setting Fare Recovery Requirements for the Guemes Island Ferry; and

**WHEREAS**, Skagit County Public Works held public meetings through the Guemes Island Ferry Operations and Performance Round Table to consider changes to the Guemes Island Ferry fare structure; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2008, the conclusions of the Guemes Island Ferry Operations and Performance Round Table Meetings resulted in establishing a summer surcharge for all single round trip cash fares of two dollars (\$2.00) per vehicle with driver and one dollar (\$1.00) per passenger and that frequent user coupon books should not have the summer surcharge added; and

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution R20080135 the Board instructed the Clerk of the Board to Call for Public Hearing on March 11, 2008, and a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Skagit Valley Herald on March 20, March 27 and April 3, 2008 to hear public testimony on proposed changes to the Guemes Ferry fare schedule, including the

potential amendment of Resolutions R20050298, R20050405, and R20060338, and the potential establishment of a summer surcharge (as described above); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing to receive public input on April 8, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., or shortly thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ferry Fare schedule attached as Exhibit A modifies previous resolutions by taking into account recommended ferry fare changes including those from the Guemes Island Ferry Operations and Performance Round Table, desires of the Board of Commissioners and the public comments expressed at the April 8, 2008 public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire to make the 50% senior and disabled discount applicable only to the passenger and not the vehicle, and eliminate unlimited trip passes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to enact the new ferry fare schedule upon adoption that includes a summer surcharge effective between May 20<sup>th</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that in accordance with the forgoing, and in accordance with Resolution R20080018, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners authorizes amending the Guemes Island Ferry fare schedule (as previously established through Resolutions R20050298, R20050405, and R20060338), and further provides that Resolutions R20050298, R20050405, and R20060338 are hereby amended as follows:

- a. to add a summer surcharge for all single round trip cash fares of two dollars (\$2.00) per vehicle with driver and one dollar (\$1.00) per passenger, effective May 20<sup>th</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year (as further detailed within Exhibit A); and
- b. to add senior and/or disabled ten (10) and twenty (20) trip coupon books (as further detailed within Exhibit A); and
- c. to eliminate all unlimited trip passes (as further detailed within Exhibit A); and
- d. to make senior and/or disabled discounts applicable to the person only, and not vehicles (as further detailed within Exhibit A); and
- e. to make other changes as shown, detailed, and depicted at Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein by reference; and
- f. that the remaining unmodified rate structure as identified and provided in Resolution R20050298 (and as reflected in the attached Exhibit A) remains unchanged and continues to be in effect (except as modified by this Resolution hereinabove).

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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DON MUNKS, Chairman

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KENNETH A. DAHLSTEDT, Commissioner

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SHARON D. DILLON, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

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Civil Deputy

Attest:

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Clerk of the Board