

9940. RESOLUTION 09-05 - ADOPTION OF A REVISED FARE SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A FUEL SURCHARGE FOR THE CAPE MAY-LEWES FERRY

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the "Authority"), is a bi-state agency created by Compact for the purpose of operating crossing facilities between the States of Delaware and New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, which connects Cape May, New Jersey, and Lewes, Delaware; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has made significant capital investments in safety, landside improvements, vessels, and infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the operating deficit for FY 2008 was approximately \$9.4 million; and,

WHEREAS, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry experienced approximately \$1.1 million in additional fuel expenses in FY 2008 over FY 2007; and,

WHEREAS, a fuel surcharge would partially offset escalating fuel costs; and,

WHEREAS, the projected gross income from the revised fare schedule is \$14.9 million, which is sufficient to avoid a substantial increase in the operating deficit in FY 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes that changes are required periodically to disclaimers and terms of passage that are provided to passengers of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has concluded that the revised fare schedule and a fuel surcharge is responsive to the public's concerns, and yet acts to meet the financial requirements of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Authority has concluded that the revised fare schedule and the implementation of fuel surcharge is just and reasonable, necessary, proper and desirable; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the fare schedule and implement a fuel surcharge with an effective date of April 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the revised fare schedule for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, attached hereto, is hereby adopted with an effective date of April 1, 2009, and the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to make any changes, as appropriate, to disclaimers, limitation periods, venue provisions and any other terms of passage that are provided to passengers of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry and to implement a fuel surcharge for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry.

A motion to approve Resolution 09-05 was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 12-0.

Cape May-Lewes Ferry Fares

(All Fares are One-Way Unless Noted)

Effective April 1, 2009

<u>VEHICLE & DRIVER</u>	<u>NOV-MAR</u>	<u>APR-OCT</u>	<u>PEAK*</u>
Car, SUV, Van, Pick-up Truck (vehicles less than 20' length)	\$29.50	\$36.00	\$43.25
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$25.25	\$30.75	\$31.75
Motorcycle or Motorbike	\$24.25	\$30.75	\$36.00
Return-trip Value Fare	\$21.25	\$26.50	\$26.50
Discount Book of Six (6) Tickets (all vehicles less than 20' length)	\$153	\$153	\$153
Discount Book of Six (6) Tickets (Commercial vehicles) (Memorial Day to Labor Day: not valid Sat, Sun, or Holidays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.)		15% off scheduled fare	
<u>VEHICLE & FOOT PASSENGERS</u>			
Under 6 years of age	FREE	FREE	FREE
Children, age 6-13	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$5.00
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$2.75	\$4.00	\$4.00
14 Years of age and older	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$10.00
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$5.25	\$8.00	\$8.00
Discount Book of Six (6) Adult Tickets		\$43.50	\$43.50
*NOTE: Return-Trip Value Fares must be purchased with initial Sailing			
<u>BUS PASSENGERS</u>			
Under 6 years of age	FREE	FREE	FREE
Children, age 6-13	\$1.50	\$2.75	\$2.75
14 Years of age and older	\$3.25	\$5.25	\$5.25
<u>FERRY TERMINAL SHUTTLE FARES</u>			
Under 6 years of age	FREE	FREE	FREE
6 Years of age and older	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
<u>OTHER FARES & FEES</u>			
Internet Reservation Fee Discount	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00

Non-Refundable Reservation Cancellation Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
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OTHER VEHICLES & DRIVER

20' to under 25'	\$33.75	\$41.25	\$49.75
25' to under 35'	\$42.25	\$49.75	\$60.25
35' to under 45'	\$49.75	\$57.00	\$68.75
45' to under 60'	\$61.25	\$69.75	\$84.50
More than 60'	\$84.50	\$93.00	\$113.00

***PEAK FARES:** Memorial Day to Labor Day – Fri, Sat, Sun, & Holidays

TICKET EXPIRATION: Purchased ferry tickets expire two years after purchase **date**.