

9744. RESOLUTION 08-12 - ADOPTION OF A REVISED FARE SCHEDULE 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 desires to promote round-trip travel, bus passenger travel, commercial traffic, and Internet ferry reservations; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed fare schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein, includes fare incentives, such as, greater discounts for bus passengers, 15% discount books of tickets for commercial vehicles, elimination of reservation fees for customers pre-booking, \$2.00 fare discounts for customers pre-booking on the Internet; and,

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

WHEREAS, there has not been a general fare increase at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry since 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the operating deficit for FY 2007 was approximately \$6.5 million; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes the need to incorporate reservation fees into the Vehicle and Driver fares; and,

WHEREAS, the projected gross income from the revised fare schedule in 2008 is \$15.3 – 15.9 Million; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has concluded that the amended fare schedule is necessary to meet the financial requirements of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has concluded that the amended fare schedule is fair to ferry users and in the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Authority has concluded that the amended fare schedule is just and reasonable, necessary, proper and desirable; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the fare schedule 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, 2008.

Cape May-Lewes Ferry Fares

(All Fares are One-Way Unless Noted)

Effective April 1, 2008

<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)	\$28.00	\$34.00	\$41.00
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$24.00	\$29.00	\$30.00
Motorcycle or Motorbike	\$23.00	\$29.00	\$34.00
Return-trip Value Fare	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Discount Book of Six (6) Tickets (all vehicles less than 20' length)	\$144.00	\$144.00	\$144.00
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	\$3.50	\$4.75	\$4.75
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$3.75
14 Years of age and older	\$7.00	\$9.50	\$9.50
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50
Discount Book of Six (6) Adult Tickets		\$42.00	\$42.00
*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	\$2.50	\$2.50
14 Years of age and older	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
<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
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RESERVATION FEES & DISCOUNTS

Internet Reservation Fee Discount	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Non-Refundable Reservation Cancellation Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

OTHER VEHICLES & DRIVER

20' to under 25'	\$32.00	\$39.00	\$47.00
25' to under 35'	\$40.00	\$47.00	\$57.00
35' to under 45'	\$47.00	\$54.00	\$65.00
45' to under 60'	\$58.00	\$66.00	\$80.00
More than 60'	\$80.00	\$88.00	\$107.00

*** PEAK FARES:** Memorial Day to Labor Day between 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.,
Fri, Sat, Sun, & Holidays

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

A motion to approve Resolution 08-12 was made by Commissioner Favre, seconded by Commissioner DeLanza, and approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.