

9351. RESOLUTION 06-03 - ADOPTION OF A REVISED FARE SCHEDULE FOR THE CAPE MAY-LEWES FERRY. The Executive Director presented the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) owns and operates the Cape May-Lewes Ferry; and

WHEREAS, the Authority retained the services of the Elliott Bay Design Group to prepare a Market Research Study (“Study”) in 2005 to identify customer markets and to make recommendations to increase vehicle and passenger traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Study recommended changes to the Cape May-Lewes Ferry fare structure to increase revenues and customer demand, including the introduction of new fare incentives, such as, discounted round-trip vehicle and passenger fares, 50% discounts for children age 6-13, and greater discounts for bus passengers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fare schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein, reflects many of the Study recommendations; 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 2002; and

WHEREAS, the operating deficit for FY 2005 was approximately \$7.0 million; and

WHEREAS, the projected gross income from the revised fare schedule is estimated at \$1.3 million, significantly reducing the operating deficit; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the revised fare schedule attached; 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, 2006.

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, 2006.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmerman, seconded by Commissioner Lathem. With Commissioner Hensley voting no, Resolution 06-03 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-1.

Cape May-Lewes Ferry Fares

(All Fares are One-Way Unless Noted)

Effective April 1, 2006

NOV-MAR **APR-OCT**

VEHICLE & DRIVER

Car, SUV, Van, Pick-Up Truck (vehicles less than 20' length)	\$23.00	\$29.00
<i>Return-Trip Value Fare *</i>	\$19.00	\$24.00
Motorcycle or Motorbike	\$18.00	\$24.00
<i>Return-Trip Value Fare *</i>	\$15.00	\$20.00
Discount Book of Six (6) Tickets (all vehicles less than 20' length) (<i>Memorial Day to Labor Day: not valid Fri, Sat, Sun or Holidays</i>)	\$110.00	\$110.00

VEHICLE & FOOT PASSENGERS

Under 6 years of age	<i>FREE</i>	<i>FREE</i>
Children, age 6-13	\$3.50	\$4.75
<i>Return-Trip Value Fare *</i>	\$2.50	\$3.75
14 Years of age and older	\$7.00	\$9.50
<i>Return-Trip Value Fare *</i>	\$5.00	\$7.50
Discount Book of Six (6) Adult Tickets		\$42.00

*** NOTE: Return-Trip Value Fares must be purchased with Initial Sailing**

BUS PASSENGERS

Under 6 years of age	<i>FREE</i>	<i>FREE</i>
Children, age 6-13	\$2.00	\$3.00
14 Years of age and older	\$4.00	\$6.00

FERRY TERMINAL SHUTTLE FARES

Under 6 years of age	<i>FREE</i>	<i>FREE</i>
6 Years of age and older	\$3.00	\$3.00

OTHER FARES & FEES

Bicycles	<i>FREE</i>	<i>FREE</i>
Motorcycle Sidecars	<i>FREE</i>	<i>FREE</i>
Ferry Reservation Fee (Non-refundable per sailing)	\$5.00	\$5.00

OTHER VEHICLES & DRIVER

20' to under 25'	\$27.00	\$34.00
25' to under 35'	\$35.00	\$42.00
35' to under 45'	\$42.00	\$49.00
45' to under 60'	\$53.00	\$61.00
60' and over	\$75.00	\$83.00

OVER-WIDTH VEHICLES

All vehicles exceeding any width limitation of Delaware or New Jersey will be charged double the length rate above.