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**Public Works**City Transit  
263-8152

## MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance  
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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary

FROM: Kristy Korpi, Transit Supervisor

DATE: March 2, 2015

RE: City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) Proposed Fare Increase

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) has not increased fares since July 1, 2003.

Our current ROUTE fares are .75 per ride or 12 tickets for \$8.25 (.69/ride). Passengers may also purchase a monthly flash pass which allows them unlimited ROUTE rides for \$28.00.

PARATRANSIT, JARC and New Freedom rides are \$1.00 each or 12 tickets for \$11.00 (.92/ride). There is no unlimited, monthly pass available for ParaTransit, JARC or New Freedom rides.

MuscaBus also offers service to the Shell Station on Highway 61 during the months when school is in session. These rides are \$1.00 each. Students utilizing this service must pay in advance for the entire month of service.

**BACKGROUND:**

City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) is considered a small urban system. There are seven, small urban systems in Iowa. A comparison of transit fares was provided for City budget hearings. MuscaBus fares were on the low end of the comparison. The other cities included: Burlington, Clinton, Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Mason City, and Ottumwa.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

It is the recommendation of the Public Works staff to increase ROUTE fares to \$1.00 per ride or 12 tickets for \$12.00. We propose raising the monthly flash pass to \$32.00.

It is the recommendation of the Public Works staff to increase PARATRANSIT, JARC, and New Freedom rides to \$2.00 each or 12 tickets for \$24.00.

The recommended increase for Shell rides is \$1.50 each. Students utilizing this service would still be expected to pay in advance for the entire month of service.

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

ESTABLISHING FARE INCREASE FOR MUSCATINE CITY TRANSIT (MUSCABUS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa has heretofore granted approval of the fare increase for City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) fares; and

WHEREAS, route rides will increase from \$.75 per ride to \$1.00 per ride. Monthly Route Flash passes will increase from \$28.00 to \$32.00 and ParaTransit, JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute), and New Freedom rides will increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per ride. Shell Service rides will increase from \$1.00 per ride to \$1.50 per ride. Ticket prices for Route, ParaTransit, JARC, and New Freedom rides will be identical to the cash price.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Council that:

SECTION I: On April 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Muscatine, Iowa, this Council shall implement the fare increase to be effective on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2015

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

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DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk