

RESOLUTION NO. 92987-0315

**SET TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED CITY OF MUSCATINE TRANSIT (MUSCABUS)
FARE INCREASE**

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

WHEREAS, the proposed increase, if approved, would be effective July 1, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this Council that:

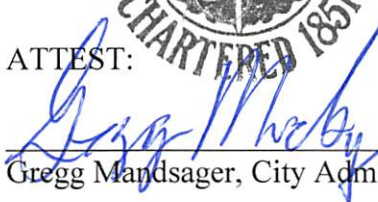
SECTION I: On April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Muscatine, Iowa, this Council shall hold a public hearing of the plans and proposed fare increase for City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus).

SECTION II: The City Clerk shall give notice of such public hearing by publication of a notice in the Muscatine Journal. The notice shall be in the following form:

(NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ATTACHED)

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator


DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor



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Public Works

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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

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 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.

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

I, Jeff Lee, being duly sworn, on my oath, say that I am an advertising clerk at the *Muscatine Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Muscatine, Muscatine County, Iowa; and that the following Notice:

Muscatine City Clerk

Public Notice

Muscabus Fare Increase

Of which the annexed printed slip is a true, correct and complete copy, was published in said *Muscatine Journal* one time having been made there in on:

March 10, 2015

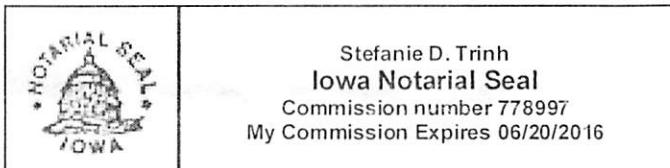
Jeff Lee

STATE OF IOWA
MUSCATINE COUNTY

10th day of March 2015



Stefanie D. Trinh
Stefanie D. Trinh, Notary Public



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