

INTRODUCED: September 24, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-258

To provide that Greater Richmond Transit Co. shall not charge fares to passengers on November 6, 2018.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 8 2018 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That, notwithstanding section 29-189 or any other provision of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, to the contrary, Greater Richmond Transit Co. shall not charge fares to passengers on November 6, 2018.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: OCT 8 2018 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST
4-8155
SEP 07 2018
Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: September 6, 2018

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

RECEIVED

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

Handwritten signature and date 9/19/18

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THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, DCAO Finance & Administration

THROUGH: Douglas Dunlap, Interim DCAO Planning & Economic Development

THROUGH: John Wack, Director of Finance

FROM: Jay A. Brown, Director Budget & Strategic Planning

RE: To authorize the Greater Richmond Transit Corporation (GRTC), in partnership with the City of Richmond, to provide all GRTC patrons with free bus rides on Election Day, November 6, 2018.

PURPOSE: To authorize GRTC to provide free bus rides on Election Day, November 6, 2018 for all patrons utilizing the bus system to increase civic participation.

REASON: To provide GRTC customers with one day of free rides on November 6, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND: The City of Richmond is committed to providing all citizens with the best possible transportation to allow them faster service and connectivity. As a result, the City Administration, in partnership with GRTC, is recommending that all GRTC patrons be provided with free transportation on GRTC buses on Election Day, November 6, 2018. This is an effort to not only assist residents in traveling throughout the GRTC network, but to also increase electoral and civic participation for all by removing transportation as an obstacle. GRTC's new bus routes allow for easier access to riders who wish to vote at precincts across the City as the majority of the bus stops are a few blocks from a voting precinct. This partnership with GRTC, City Administration, and the community will help ensure that all GRTC patrons, particularly city residents,

have less transportation limitations to access their respective polling facilities on this particular day.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The administration intends to utilize any available general fund surplus from FY18 toward the estimated cost. GRTC has estimated the cost to be \$24,310. It is the Administration's intent, if available, to earmark funds as a part of the FY2018 Assigned Fund Balance (separate from the Unassigned fund balance) for GRTC, specifically for the purpose outlined within this O&R request. A second O&R request, later in the fall, will be needed to amend the FY2019 general fund budget by appropriating \$24,310 from the Assigned Fund Balance, to the GRTC line item within Non-Departmental.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: City Administration intends to assign \$24,310 from any available general fund surplus at the close of FY18. It is expected that GRTC will submit an invoice for payment following November 6, 2018, at which time, pending City Council approval, the final amount will be transferred from the Assigned Fund Balance to the GRTC line in the Non-Departmental budget.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Not at this time

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 24, 2018

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 8, 2018

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use and Transportation Committee

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Non-Departmental

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: 2018-151

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: None

STAFF: