

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AMENDING
RESOLUTIONS R20250015, R20250009, and R20230152 AND TO ENTER A RESOLUTION
TO ESTABLISH THE 2026 FERRY FARE SCHEDULE AND A RESOLUTION FOR RELIEF
FOR PUNCH CARDS SOLD DURING COVID WITHOUT EXPIRATION**

WHEREAS, Skagit County operates the Guemes Island vehicle and passenger ferry between Anacortes, Washington and Guemes Island, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners (Board) desires to consider amending and/or superseding the current ferry fare schedule established per Skagit County Resolution #R20230152 and R20250015 in order to establish a revised Guemes Island Ferry fare structure; and

WHEREAS, the Board also desires to consider amending and/or superseding Skagit County Resolution #R20250009 to provide alternative relief allowing the conversion of punch cards sold during COVID without expiration which were required to be used by December 31, 2025, to convert such cards to credits in the electronic system; and

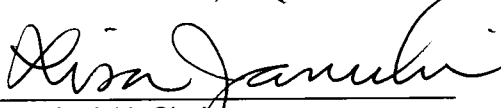
WHEREAS, the Board desires to receive public comments regarding the recommended changes to the fare schedule including, but not limited to, higher fares to increase system revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing on October 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible to consider public comment regarding the above-described proposed revisions to the Guemes Island Ferry fare structure.

PASSED this 29 day of September, 2025.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Lisa Janicki, Chair

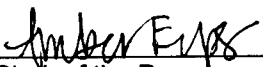


Ron Wesen, Commissioner




Peter Browning, Commissioner

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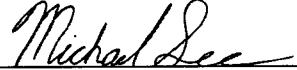
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form: 9/25/25



Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Approved as to Content:



Department Head

**LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, County Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, for the purpose of considering public comment on the proposed 2026 Guemes Island Ferry fare schedule amending and/or superseding Skagit County Resolution Numbers R20230152 and R20250015, including, but not limited to, higher fares to increase system revenue and also to address an alternative relief for punch cards sold during COVID without expiration and R20250009, which required all such cards to be used by December 31, 2025.

Participation in the public hearing will be in person in the Commissioners Hearing Room or by computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09>

Call-In: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980 Passcode: 143573

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The public hearing will provide an opportunity to hear from Skagit County staff and for members of the public to provide public comments. A copy of the full text of the proposed resolutions will be mailed upon request, and a draft of the proposed rate schedule will be posted to the ferry webpage in advance of the public hearing:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/publicworksferry/main.htm>

Public comment will end with the close of the public hearing October 21, 2025. Public comment can be submitted any time beforehand by email at ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us or by mail to 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. The subject line shall read, "Ferry 2026 Fare Proposal" and the body of the email should contain the comments rather than sending them as an attachment.

This proposal may be approved, modified, or rejected by the Board of Skagit County Commissioners. Your views for or against this matter are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. For questions regarding this proposal, please contact Ferry Division Manager, Captain Rachel Rowe at (360) 293-6433.

Skagit County ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from the federally assisted programs and activities. For questions regarding Skagit County's Title VI Program, you may contact the Public Works Department's Title VI Coordinator, Michael See, at (360) 416-1400.

Notice given by order of the Board of Skagit County Commissioners this, 29 date of ~~September~~ 2025.


Clerk of the Board

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