

10633. RESOLUTION 13-09 - ADOPTION OF A REVISED FARE SCHEDULE FOR THE CAPE MAY-LEWES FERRY

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the "Authority"), is a bi-state agency created by Compact for the purpose of operating crossing facilities between the States of Delaware and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, which connects Cape May, New Jersey, and Lewes, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has made significant capital investments in safety, landside improvements, vessels, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the operating deficit for FY 2012 was approximately \$9.0 million; and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the fare schedule are limited to the discontinuance of Vehicle & Driver Return-Trip Value Fares on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and the discontinuance of \$2.00 Internet Reservation discounts; and

WHEREAS, the revised fare schedule does not include any general increases to the current Vehicle & Driver, Passenger, and Shuttle fares; and

WHEREAS, the projected gross income from the revised fare schedule will tend to offset an increase in the operating deficit in FY 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has concluded that the revised fare schedule is responsive to the public's concerns, and yet acts to meet the financial requirements of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Authority has concluded that the revised 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, 2013.

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, 2013.

A motion to approve amended Resolution 13-09 was made by Commissioner Lathem, seconded by Commissioner Dorn, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Cape May-Lewes Ferry Fares

(All Fares are One-Way Unless Noted)

Effective April 1, 2013

	NOV-MAR	APR-OCT	PEAK*
VEHICLE & DRIVER			
Car, SUV, Van, Pick-up Truck (vehicles less than 20' length)	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$44.00
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$26.00	\$32.00	
Motorcycle or Motorbike	\$25.00	\$31.00	\$36.00
Return-trip Value Fare	\$22.00	\$27.00	
Discount Book of Six (6) Tickets (all vehicles less than 20' length)	\$153	\$153	\$153
Discount Book of Six (6) Tickets (Commercial vehicles)	15% off scheduled fare		
Discount Book of Twelve (12) Tickets (all vehicles less than 20' length)	\$288	\$288	\$288
(Memorial Day to Labor Day: not valid Sat, Sun, or Holidays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.)			
VEHICLE & FOOT PASSENGERS			
Under 6 years of age	FREE	FREE	FREE
Children, age 6-13	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
14 Years of age and older	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Return-Trip Value Fare	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
Discount Book of Six (6) Adult Tickets	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
*NOTE: Return-Trip Value Fares must be purchased with initial Sailing			
BUS PASSENGERS			
Under 6 years of age	FREE	FREE	FREE
Children, age 6-13	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
14 Years of age and older	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
FERRY TERMINAL SHUTTLE FARES			
Under 6 years of age	FREE	FREE	FREE
6 Years of age and older	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00

<u>OTHER DISCOUNTS & FEES</u>			
Non-Refundable Reservation Cancellation Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
<u>OTHER VEHICLES & DRIVER</u>			
20' to under 25'	\$34.00	\$42.00	\$50.00
25' to under 35'	\$43.00	\$50.00	\$61.00
35' to under 45'	\$50.00	\$57.00	\$69.00
45' to under 60'	\$62.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
More than 60'	\$85.00	\$93.00	\$113.00

***PEAK FARES:** Memorial Day to Labor Day – Fri, Sat, Sun, & Holidays

TICKET EXPIRATION: Tickets expire two years after purchase date.

Resolution 13-XX Executive Summary Sheet

Resolution: Adoption of a Revised Fare Schedule for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee

Committee Date: February 12, 2013

Board Date: February 12, 2013

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a Revised Fare Schedule for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry effective April 1, 2013

Background for Resolution:

The current Cape May-Lewes Ferry Fare Schedule has been in effect since April 1, 2010. In FY 2012, the CMLF operating deficit was approximately \$9 million. A revised Fare Schedule is proposed to generate greater revenues to help offset increases in the operating deficit for FY 2013.

The proposed Fare Schedule includes:

- No general increases will be applied to the current Vehicle & Driver, Passenger, and Shuttle fares.
- Return-Trip Value Fares will be discontinued on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day, but they will continue to be offered on all other days.
- \$2.00 Internet reservation discount will be discontinued.
- Above changes will be effective on April 1, 2013.