

Ordinance No. 122587

Council Bill No. 116096

AN ORDINANCE relating to City subsidy of transit passes for City employees, amending the Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.20.370 to increase the subsidy to \$30 per month effective January 1, 2008 and to increase the subsidy up to the dollar value of a "peak" one-zone Puget Pass, or equivalent transit pass item, per month effective January 1, 2009.

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Date Introduced:	<u>Dec 3, 2007</u>	
Date 1st Referred:	To: (committee) <u>Finance and Budget</u>	
Date Re - Referred:	To: (committee)	
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# The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: Richard G. McLean  
Councillmember

## Committee Action:

HM - Pass as Amended (FN)

GG - Pass as Amended

12-10-07 Passed 9-0

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# City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

## Office of the Mayor

December 4, 2007

Honorable Nick Licata  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

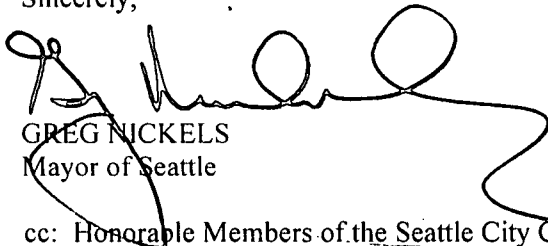
Dear Council President Licata:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that amends the Seattle Municipal Code to provide additional City subsidy of transit passes to employees. The proposed Council Bill amends Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.20.370 to increase the current City subsidy, effective January 1, 2008, from \$15 per month to \$30 per month. Effective January 1, 2009, the subsidy will increase again up to the dollar value of a "peak" one-zone Puget Pass, or equivalent transit pass item, per month.

On October 3, 2007, the City and the Coalition of City Unions finalized negotiations. The transit pass benefit negotiated in the Tentative Agreement increases the City subsidy of transit passes for Coalition members for the 2008 - 2010 contract. This legislation amends Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.20.370 to extend this working condition to non-represented employees, as has historically been the City's practice.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact David Bracilano at ext. 4-7874 or Sarah Butler at ext. 4-7929.

Sincerely,



GREG NICKELS  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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WHEREAS, the City of Seattle adopted the Commute Trip Reduction Program in 1993 under the authority of Ordinance 116680 and provided for a City subsidy of \$15 per month for City employees under the authority of Ordinance 116682; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council wish to further encourage the use of non-single occupancy vehicles for commuting by City employees; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

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**SMC 4.20.370 Purchase of Fare Media.**

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1 appropriation has been made by ordinance or the City budget to provide for any deficit resulting  
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3 the established rate less the City's (~~Fifteen-Dollar (\$15))~~ payment of Thirty-Dollars (\$30), or  
4 effective January 1, 2009, up to the dollar value of a "peak" one-zone Puget Pass, or equivalent  
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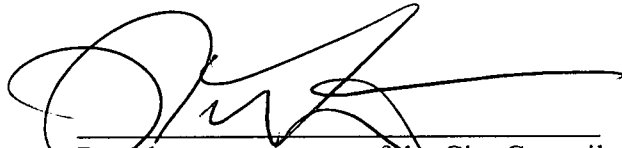
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9 this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.




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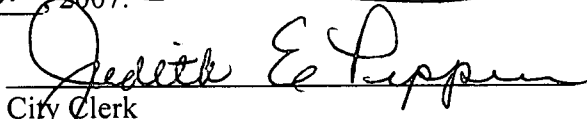
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007.

  
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Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007.

  
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City Clerk

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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>DOF Analyst/Phone:</b>
Labor Relations	David Bracilano/4-7874 Sarah Butler/4-7929	Karen Grove/4-5805

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation amends the Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.20.370 to increase the City subsidy of transit passes. Section 4.20.370 currently provides for employees to receive a \$15 transit subsidy per month. Effective January 1, 2008 the subsidy will increase from \$15 per month to \$30 per month. Effective January 1, 2009, the subsidy will increase again up to the dollar value of a "peak" one-zone Puget Pass, or equivalent transit pass item, per month.

• **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

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**This legislation has financial implications.** *(Please complete all relevant sections that follow.)*

The 2008 costs of the transit pass subsidy were assumed in the development of the 2008 Proposed Budget. Costs for 2009 and beyond will be included in future biennial budgets. The estimated additional cost of the legislation for non-represented employees for 2008 through 2010 is \$1.58 million, assuming a projected rider increase of 10 percent.



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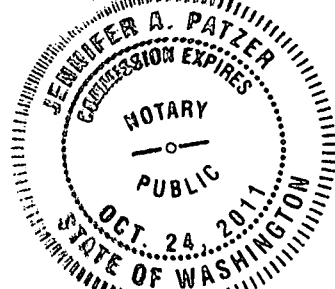
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(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

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