

ORDINANCE NO. 2726

ORDINANCE AMENDING SELAH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12.81 TO ALLOW FOR FARE-FREE TRANSIT SERVICE FOR ALL TRANSIT MODES TO PASSENGERS AGED EIGHTEEN AND UNDER

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has approved the Move Ahead Washington transportation funding package; and

WHEREAS, the Move Ahead Washington package provides financial support to transit agencies for operating and capital expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Move Ahead Washington package will provide grant funding to replace lost fare revenues from ticket sales when transit agencies choose to provide fare-free transit service to individuals aged eighteen and under; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the Selah Municipal Code (SMC), specifically Chapter 12.81, be amended so as to add a new section 12.81.040 that allows for fare-free transit service to such individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that good cause exists;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of SMC Chapter 12.81. That SMC Chapter 12.81 be amended so as to add a new section 12.81.040 titled “No Fare Required for Certain Passengers”, to read and provide as specified below:

12.81.040 No Fare Required for Certain Passengers.

No fare shall be charged to a passenger aged eighteen or under.


Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Corrections. The City Attorney and the codifiers of the SMC are authorized to make any necessary or desirable clerical or formatting changes – including but not limited to correcting scrivener errors; changing formatting; eliminating bold, italic and underscore emphasis; changing numbering; and correcting references – when publishing or republishing the official text of any section(s), Chapter(s), title(s) or other portion(s) of the SMC due to any amendment, addition, alteration, change, impact or enactment effectuated by this Ordinance.

Section 4. Publishing & Effective Date. Consistent with RCW 35A.12.130 (3<sup>rd</sup> ¶) and .160 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ¶¶), this Ordinance or a summary of it shall be published at least once in the City’s official

newspaper this Ordinance shall not take effect until at least five (5) after such publishing has occurred.

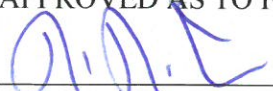
PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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Roger Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director (a/k/a Clerk/Treasurer)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Rob Case, City Attorney