



WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-03
Amending the 2019 Unified Fee Schedule

WHEREAS, the 2019 Unified Fee Schedule is adopted by County Council through Appendix 'A' of Ordinance No. 2018-064; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Unified Fee Schedule established charges for passage on the Whatcom County Ferry; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Ordinance No. 2007-070 states "...upon a showing of sufficient justification, the County Executive may add new fees or adjust fees set by the Unified Fee Schedule by way of Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County's COVID-19 response is a declared emergency for which inadequate social distancing is the proximate cause; and

WHEREAS, Collection of fees on the Whatcom County Ferry requires interpersonal contact that is inconsistent with social distancing directives, placing both riders and ferry personnel at risk; and

WHEREAS, Ferry ridership has diminished substantially as a result of Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-25 imposing a Stay-at-Home Order that causes residents of Washington State to cease leaving their homes of residence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, I HEREBY ORDER, EFFECTIVE MARCH 26, 2020, THAT ALL FARES FOR PASSAGE ON THE WHATCOM CHIEF BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL THE GOVERNORS ORDER IS REINDED OR SUPERCEDED, AND AS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF March, 2020.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive