

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT**

In the Matter of a Resolution Imposing an Annual Vehicle Fee within the Boundaries of the Jefferson County Transportation Benefit District for Unincorporated Jefferson County for the Purpose of Financing the Costs Associated with Transportation Improvements in the District as Authorized by RCW [36.73.065](#) and RCW [82.80.140](#).

RESOLUTION NO. 04-0113-25 TBD

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Transportation Benefit District (JCTBD) for unincorporated Jefferson County was established by Jefferson County Board of Commissioners Ordinance No. [10-1216-24](#) on December 16, 2024, pursuant to Chapter [36.73](#), and codified as Chapter 3.90 of the Jefferson County Code; and

WHEREAS, RCW [36.73.040](#)(3)(b) authorizes transportation benefit districts to impose a vehicle fee, subject to the provisions of RCW [36.73.065](#) and RCW [82.80.140](#); and

WHEREAS, RCW [36.73.065](#)(4)(a)(i) authorizes transportation benefit districts to impose, by majority vote of the governing body, a twenty dollar (\$20.00) annual vehicle license fee as authorized in RCW [82.80.140](#); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW [82.80.140](#)(4), the vehicle license fee may not be collected until six (6) months after approval of this action by the council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW [82.80.140](#)(5), the vehicle fee under this section applies only when renewing a vehicle registration, and is effective upon the registration renewal date as provided by the Department of Licensing; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County's Public Works Department has presented to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners on multiple occasions, most recently on September 23, 2024, and again on December 16, 2024, regarding the need for additional funds necessary to maintain county roads; and

WHEREAS, the JCTBD Board held a Special Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, and discussed funding options available under RCW [36.73](#); and

WHEREAS, the JCTBD Board has carefully considered the financial needs required to maintain county roads and the imposition of the vehicle fee in the amount of twenty-dollars (\$20.00), and has determined that the best interests of the district will be served by imposing this vehicle license fee as authorized by RCW [36.73.065](#)(4)(a)(i) and RCW [82.80.140](#);

NOW, THEREFORE, THE JEFFERSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Whereas Clauses are Findings of Fact. The JCTBD hereby adopts the above “Whereas” clauses as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. Annual Vehicle License Fee Established. An annual vehicle license fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) is hereby established. As authorized by RCW [36.73.065\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#), as well as JCC 3.90.050, as written or hereafter amended, shall hereby be collected by the Washington Department of Licensing on qualifying vehicles as set forth in RCW [82.80.140](#), as written or hereafter amended.

Section 3. Revenue Restrictions: The revenues received from the twenty-dollar (\$20.00) vehicle license fee shall only be expended on JCTBD projects approved by pursuant to Ordinance No. [10-1216-24](#), and JCC 3.90.060, as written or hereafter amended, or as otherwise authorized by law.

Section 4. Vehicle License Fee Collection Effective Date. The annual vehicle license fee shall take effect for notices mailed in 2025 for vehicle license renewals due on or after July 13, 2025, or as soon thereafter as the Washington Department of Licensing is reasonably able to incorporate collection of the \$20.00 fee; but in no event shall the vehicle license fee be collected sooner than one hundred and eighty (180) days after approval of this resolution, pursuant to RCW [36.73.065](#) and RCW [82.80.140\(4\)](#). The vehicle license fee shall be collected during the term of the existence of the JCTBD, including assumption by Jefferson County should that occur, and shall cease to be collected upon dissolution of the district.

Section 5. Notice to the Department of Licensing. The JCTBD Clerk and Finance Director are hereby instructed to notify the Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) of the vehicle license fee established by this resolution and request that DOL take all steps necessary to implement collection of this fee in accordance with RCW [82.80.140](#).

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances shall be fully valid and shall not be affected.

Section 7. SEPA Categorical Exemption. This resolution is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act under WAC [197-11-800\(19\)](#).

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon approval and adoption by the JCTBD Board, with implementation of the vehicle fee subject to RCW [82.80.140](#) and [Section 4](#) above.

(SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE)

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 13th day of January, 2025.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
BENEFIT DISTRICT

Heidi Eisenhour
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Chair

Greg Brotherton
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Member

Heather Dudley-Nollette
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Member



ATTEST:

Carolyn Gallaway 1/13/25
Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Date
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Philip C. Hunsucker
Philip C. Hunsucker, Date 1/13/25
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney