

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED SAME-DAY, ON-DEMAND PARATRANSIT PILOT APPLICATION THROUGH THE UBER TRANSIT FUND AND APPROVE FARES FOR RIDES TAKEN UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria operates a paratransit program serving approximately 750 registered ADA-eligible riders who depend on accessible, reliable transportation services throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the City's current paratransit program does not offer same-day trip scheduling, as ADA paratransit requirements do not obligate same-day service; and

WHEREAS, same-day mobility needs — such as unexpected medical needs, schedule changes, or the need to return home earlier than planned — are currently addressed only through limited rescue trip capacity, leaving a gap in flexible, on-demand service for ADA-eligible riders; and

WHEREAS, Uber Transit offers an on-demand network integration that could extend the City's paratransit program to fulfill same-day trip requests reliably and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the City's existing paratransit scheduling software vendor, Spare, already supports the Uber Transit API integration at no additional software cost, enabling rapid and low-risk deployment; and

WHEREAS, the Uber Transit Fund provides matching grants of up to \$50,000 to public transit agencies and municipalities to pilot innovative on-demand mobility solutions that complement existing transit services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to supporting the transportation independence and mobility of City residents with disabilities and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for a \$50,000 grant through the Uber Transit Fund to pilot a same-day, on-demand paratransit program launching Fall 2026; and

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that if the Uber Transit Fund grant is awarded, it would be necessary and desirable to charge each rider a \$2.00 fee for each same-day, on-demand trip they take during the pilot program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. The City Council hereby supports this application for a \$50,000 grant through the Uber Transit Fund;
2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match of approximately \$5,000 if awarded;
3. The City Council hereby grants authority for the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program; and the City Council hereby grants authority for the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program; and
4. The City Council hereby authorizes the DOT Paratransit program to charge a \$2 surcharge for all trips scheduled on the day they are to be performed. This \$2 surcharge would expire at the same time that the pilot program funded by the Uber Transit Fund would expire.

Adopted: _____

ALYIA GASKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, CMC, City Clerk