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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Ms. Hynes, Seconded By: Mr. Johnsen
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Approval of Proposed Amendments to Rules, Regulations and Rates Concerning Toll and Bridge Facilities

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board completed a periodic review of the Rules, Regulations and Rates Concerning Toll and Bridge Facilities, 24VAC30-620, (Regulation) in June, 2020, and based on that review directed that the Regulation be amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved proposed amendments to the Regulation at its February 2021 meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were posted for public comment but received no comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the final amendments to the Regulation as presented in Attachment A, and further authorizes the Commissioner of Highways or his designee to take all acts necessary to file the final amendments in accord with submission requirements established by the *Code of Virginia*, Executive Order 14 (2018), and the Virginia Code Commission Regulations relating to regulatory actions.

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Chapter 620.

24VAC30-620-10. Applicability and effective dates.

This chapter applies to all VDOT-owned and -operated toll facilities, unless and until, by agreement or law, authority to operate and set tolls is provided to another public or private entity.

Statutory Authority

§ 33.2-210 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR385-01-68 § 1, eff. October 4, 1995; amended, Virginia Register Volume 11, Issue 26, eff. October, 18, 1995; Volume 21, Issue 15, eff. May 22, 2005.

24VAC30-620-20. General conditions and criteria concerning suspension of toll collection.

A. Tolls may be temporarily suspended on any toll facility subject to this chapter, under the following conditions:

1. The Commissioner of Highways or his designee has investigated or assessed an actual or potential threat to public safety on or in the vicinity of the toll facility; and
2. As a result of the investigation or assessment, the Commissioner of Highways or his designee believes that a temporary suspension of toll collection will alleviate the actual or potential threat or risk to the public's safety, or facilitate the flow of traffic on or within the vicinity of the toll facility.

B. Incidents which may justify the temporary suspension of toll collection operations include, but are not limited to, the following: natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and floods; accidental releases of hazardous materials, such as chemical spills; major traffic accidents, such as multi-vehicle collisions; and any other incidents deemed to present a risk to public safety.

C. Any mandatory evacuation during a state of emergency as defined in § 44-146.16 shall require the temporary suspension of toll collection operations in affected evacuation zones on routes designated as mass evacuation routes. The Commissioner of Highways or his designee shall reinstate toll collection when the mandatory evacuation period ends.

D. The suspension of tolls and reinstatement of tolls shall be conducted in accordance with internal agency procedures established by the Commissioner of Highways. The Commissioner of Highways may delegate in writing the authority to suspend and reinstate toll collection operations, as a result of the conditions and criteria outlined in this section. This delegation of authority includes following the policies and procedures, established by the Commissioner of Highways and specific to each toll facility, governing the investigation and decision-making processes associated with the possible suspension and reinstatement of toll collections.

E. Judicial proceedings arising from any incident resulting in the suspension of toll collection will be conducted as provided for by § 33.2-613 of the Code of Virginia.

Statutory Authority

§ 33.2-210 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR385-01-68 § 2, eff. October 4, 1995; amended, Virginia Register Volume 11, Issue 26, eff. October, 18, 1995; Volume 28, Issue 4, eff. November 23, 2011; Volume 31, Issue 7, eff. December 31, 2014.

24VAC30-620-30. Rates.

A. The following are the toll rate schedules for the Powhite Parkway Extension Toll Road.

POWHITE PARKWAY EXTENSION TOLL ROAD MAXIMUM RATE STRUCTURE				
VEHICLE CLASS	MAIN LINE PLAZA	MAIN LINE PLAZA - EAST & WEST RAMP	RAMP - ROUTE 60	RAMP - COURTHOUSE ROAD
Two axle vehicles ¹	\$0.75	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.50
Three axle vehicles	\$1.00	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.60
Four axle vehicles	\$1.25	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.70
Five axle vehicles	\$1.50	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.80
Six axle vehicles	\$1.50	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.80

¹Includes passenger cars, motorcycles, motorcycles equipped with a sidecar, towing a trailer or equipped with a sidecar and towing a trailer, and 2-axle trucks (4 and 6 tires).

B. The following are the toll rate schedules for the George P. Coleman Bridge.

GEORGE P. COLEMAN BRIDGE TOLL RATE STRUCTURE	
VEHICLE CLASS ¹	ONE-WAY RATE
Motorcycles, pedestrians and bicyclists ²	\$0.85
Commuter ETC cars, vans, pick-ups	\$0.85
Commuter ETC two-axle commercial vans/trucks	\$0.85
Cars, vans, pick-ups	\$2.00
Two-axle, six-tire trucks and buses	\$2.00
Three-axle vehicles and buses	\$3.00
Four or more-axle vehicles	\$4.00

¹Commuter toll rates will be available only via the E-ZPass electronic toll collection (ETC) system to two-axle vehicles making three round-trip crossings within a 90-day period on the George P. Coleman Bridge.

²Includes motorcycles equipped with a sidecar, towing a trailer, or equipped with a sidecar and towing a trailer. Motorcyclists requesting this rate must use the manual toll collection lanes because the Automatic Vehicle Identification system cannot accommodate the \$0.85 rate.

C. For all designated High-Occupancy Toll facilities, the toll rates shall vary as necessary to manage the demand to use the facility in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 166.

Statutory Authority

§ 33.2-210 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR385-01-68 § 3, eff. October 4, 1995; amended, Virginia Register Volume 11, Issue 26, eff. October, 18, 1995; Volume 12, Issue 20, eff. July 24, 1996; Volume 13, Issue 18, eff. July 1, 1997; Volume 14, Issue 25, eff. September 30, 1998; Volume 21, Issue 15, eff. May 22, 2005; Volume 21, Issue 22, eff. August 20, 2005; Volume 28, Issue 4, eff. November 23, 2011.

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