THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: February 11, 2020

Subject: To provide board and commission members of city managed boards with annual transit passes

Staff Resource(s): Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
Jessica Morriss, Assistant Transportation Director

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to provide board members with free annual transit passes

Background:

- To provide board members of city managed boards (those that have a city employee staff liaison) with free annual transit passes.
- 238 annual passes to be issued in 2020; see Attachment A for board makeup and distribution.
- Annual passes have unlimited use on all ART (Asheville Rides Transit) bus routes.
- Annual passes expire at the end of the calendar year; new passes will be issued in January.
- The Clerk's Office will coordinate with the transit manager and committee staff liaisons to issue passes yearly.
- Board members will be required to return the annual pass at the end of their term, or at the time of resignation, so that the new (replacement) board member can have the pass.

Council Goal(s):

- Connected and Engaged Community
- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- Boards & Commissions Council Committee- January, 14, 2020 - unanimous recommendation to forward to City Council

Pro(s):

- Incentive and perk for board members who volunteer their time to serve on a city committee.
- Increased ridership and awareness of public transportation.
- Aid to alleviate parking and transportation barriers for board members to attend meetings.

Con(s):

- Loss of revenue from annual passes distributed.

Fiscal Impact:

- If every member received an annual pass, the potential loss of revenue would be $52,360 (238 members x $220 fee); however, it is unlikely that all members will request an annual pass.

Suggested Motion:

- Move to adopt a resolution to provide annual transit passes to board and commission members.

Attachment(s)

- City Managed Boards
- Resolution

ATTACHMENT A

City Managed Board's

(staff liaison is a city employee)

24 Boards; 238 members

BOARD	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
African American Heritage Commission	9
Affordable Housing Advisory Commission	11
Audit Committee	5
Bike and Pedestrian task force	10
Board of Adjustment	12 (includes alternate members)
Citizens Police Advisory Committee	9
Civic Center Commission	9
Civil Service Board	5
Downtown Commission	11
Electrical Examiners Board	5
Firemen's Relief Fund	5
Greenway Committee	11
Historic Resources Commission	12
Multimodal Transportation Commission	11
Neighborhood Advisory Committee	9
Noise Ordinance Appeals Board	3
Planning & Zoning Commission	7
Public Art & Cultural Commission	9
Recreation Board	9
Riverfront Redevelopment Commission	16
Soil/Stormwater Review Committee	2
Sustainability Advisory Committee	9
Urban Forestry Commission	7
Transit Committee	11
TOTAL	**237**

*Includes subcommittees: Transit, Greenway and the Bike and Ped task force

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE ANNUAL TRANSIT PASSES TO BOARD MEMBERS OF CITY MANAGED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Asheville ("City Council") has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A- 146 to establish boards and commissions to provide orderly and efficient city administration; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to provide annual transit passes as an incentive and thank you to volunteers offering their time and service on city boards and commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to issue annual transit passes to board members of city managed boards and commissions.

Read, approved and adopted this the 11th day of February, 2020.

City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney