

TITLE	DATE	ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV.
A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CHAPTER 102-127 OF THE SHREVEPORT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO SPORTRAN FIXED ROUTE AND PARATRANSIT FARES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO	November 16, 2021	SPORTRAN SPONSOR OR COUNCIL MEMBER CAO

PURPOSE

To suspend fixed route bus and OnDemand/paratransit fares for a two-year “zero fare” pilot program effective January 1, 2022.

This Ordinance or Resolution will have direct impact on Council District: **All**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SporTran has proposed a two-year “zero fare” pilot program in its 2022 operating budget. Ridership and fare revenue have plummeted during the COVID-19 pandemic across the country. The City of Shreveport was awarded American Rescue Plan grant funds to replace lost revenue and stabilize transit operations. During the pilot, SporTran management will assess the impact of the zero fare program on ridership, safety, customer service and economic indicators and will explore private funding and grant dollars to permanently eliminate fares. Chapter 102-127 of the municipal code will remain in place for OnDemand trips with an origin/destination outside of the city limits of Shreveport or Bossier City.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: **November 19, 2021**

Final Passage: **November 19, 2021**

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

Public hearing.

FINANCES

COST of this resolution – N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

| N/A

CONCLUSION

Approval of this resolution is recommended.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: Alan Bright, SporTran Chief Financial Officer

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BY:

WHEREAS, SporTran operates fixed route bus, ADA paratransit, and stop-to-stop OnDemand services in areas where fixed route bus service is unavailable or limited.

WHEREAS, Section 102-127 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport establishes the fee schedule for SporTran services.

WHEREAS, SporTran management has proposed a two-year “zero fare” pilot program in the 2022 operating budget to help rebuild ridership that has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan grant funds will be used to replace the fare revenue that will be lost as a result of the “zero fare” pilot.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 102-127 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport be suspended for a period not to exceed two years, effective January 1, 2022 relative to fares for fixed route bus and ADA paratransit service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the fee schedule shall remain in place for OnDemand trips with an origin/destination outside of the city limits of Shreveport or Bossier City during the “zero fare” pilot period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the remainder of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney’s Office