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FILE NO. 090657

RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors to
2 increase the fines for fare evasion for first, second and third time offenders]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of**
4 **Directors to increase the fine for first time fare evasion from \$50 to \$75 and increase**
5 **the fine for second time fare evaders to \$250 and increase the fine for third time fare**
6 **evaders to \$500**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) oversees
9 the Municipal Railway (Muni), which has close to 700,000 boardings each day; and

10 WHEREAS, Muni depends on a variety of sources to fund its operations, including
11 local, state and federal revenue sources as well as fare revenue from its riders; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco has had historically low fares compared to similar-sized
13 transit agencies in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, As a result of low fares and fare evasion only approximately 22 percent of
15 Muni's operating revenue comes from fares; and

16 WHEREAS, Fare evasion represents a breach of the public trust requiring that all
17 users of the Muni system should pay their fare to keep the system running; and

18 WHEREAS, In February 2008 the SFMTA implemented a state law that had been
19 supported by the SFMTA in Sacramento allowing adult fare evasion citations to be handled
20 administratively rather than in the criminal justice system, where SFMTA did not have control
21 over the process or the revenue; and

22 WHEREAS, The fine for fare evasion should be high enough to deter such behavior
23 and make sure that people pay their fares; and

24 WHEREAS, Under the Charter, setting the fine for fare evasion is under the jurisdiction
25 of the SFMTA Board of Directors; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA Board of Directors to
2 raise the fine for first time fare evasion from \$50 to \$75; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA Board of
4 Directors to raise the fine for second time fare evaders to \$250; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA Board of
6 Directors to raise the fine for third time fare evaders to \$500.

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June 2, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 2, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Caballo
Clerk of the Board

6/10/09

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom