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[Transportation Code - Clipper Card Regulations]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Transportation Code, Article 7, Division I, by adding Section 7.2.104 to regulate the use of Clipper Cards on transit vehicles or in proof of payment zones.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Article 7 of the San Francisco Transportation Code is hereby amended by adding Section 7.2.104, to read as follows:

SEC. 7.2. - INFRACTIONS.

NOTE:

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In addition to public offenses created by the Vehicle Code, the actions listed in this Section 7.2 are prohibited, and each and every violation of a prohibition listed below shall be an infraction, except as otherwise provided in: (a) this Code; or (b) the Vehicle Code; or (c) as necessary to comply with the direction of a Police Officer or Parking Control Officer; or (d) with respect to a Municipal Parking Facility, upon the direction of an authorized parking attendant; or (e) with respect to any other Public Property, except with the permission of, and subject to such conditions and regulations as are imposed by the agency that owns the property that are available for public inspection at the agency's offices.

## SEC. 7.2.104. CLIPPER CARD REGULATIONS.

(a) To fail to display a valid Clipper card at the request of any authorized representative of the transit system or duly authorized peace officer while on a transit vehicle or in a Proof of Payment Zone.

(b) To misuse any Clipper card with the intent to evade the payment of any fare.

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(c) To knowingly use or attempt to use any illegally printed, duplicated, or otherwise reproduced Clipper card for entry onto any transit vehicle or into any transit station with the intent of evading payment of a fare.

(d) For any unauthorized person to use a discount Clipper card or fail to present, upon request from a system fare inspector, acceptable proof of eligibility to use a discount Clipper card.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

JOHN I. KENNEDY Deputy City Attorney

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Edward D. Reiskin | Director of Transportation

September 6, 2011

File 110994

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board Board of Supervisors City and County of San Francisco 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Subject: Regulating the Use of Clipper Cards on Transit Vehicles or in Proof of Payment Zones

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Attached please find an original and four copies for proposed ordinance for Board of Supervisors consideration. The ordinance requests approval of amending the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I, Article 7 by adding Section 7.2.104 to regulate the use of Clipper cards on transit vehicles or in proof of payment zones.

In addition to the resolution, please find enclosed the following attachments:

- 1. Briefing Memorandum
- 2. Proposed Ordinance
- 3. SFMTA Board of Directors Resolution approving the Agreement

Please contact Sonali Bose at 415.701.4617 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Reiskin

Director of Transportation

cc: Board of Supervisors Budget Analyst

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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

September 6, 2011

TO:

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Edward D. Reiskin

Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Ordinance adding regulations for the use of Clipper cards on transit

vehicles or in proof of payment areas.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) recommends the Board of Supervisors amend the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I, Article 7, Section 7.2.104 to establish regulations for the use of Clipper cards on transit vehicles and in proof of payment areas to allow for better tracking of fare and transit violations specific to the Clipper card program.

Currently there is only one Transportation Code section for all transit fare evasion that SFMTA Transit Fare Inspectors and the San Francisco Police Department use to cite for fare nonpayment on the Muni system. The recent roll out of the Clipper card program has changed how transit fare enforcement is conducted. Transit Fare Inspectors carry handheld devices to electronically check Clipper cards to determine if customers have paid. The technology behind the Clipper card makes payment more convenient but also can lend itself to new types of fare evasion. In order to track and prevent Clipper card fraud and best direct fare inspection resources, the SFMTA would benefit by tracking Clipper card fare evasion violations separately. Creating a separate Transportation Code section for Clipper card violations will allow the SFMTA to monitor citation volume and locations separately, allowing for more sophisticated analysis of transit violation trends. The fine amount for Clipper card fare evasion violations will be set at the same amount as other fare evasion violations - \$100.

#### **LEGISLATION REQUIRED**

#### Division I – Board of Supervisors

Authorizes the SFMTA Board of Directors to establish a fare evasion violation section specific to Clipper cards.

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### Division II - SFMTA Board of Directors

Amendment to Division II of the San Francisco Transportation Code creating a new violation in the Citation Penalty schedule for Clipper fare evasion.

#### **FUNDING IMPACT**

The adoption of these regulations will not have a fiscal impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) recommends the Board of Supervisors amend the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I, Article 7 by adding Section 7.2.104, to regulate the use of Clipper cards on Transit vehicles or in proof of payment zones.

### SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# RESOLUTION No. 11-109

WHEREAS, On July 20, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Transportation Code, Division I, to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at broken or inoperable meters for on-street and off-street parking; and,

WHEREAS, A penalty for violation of the two hour time limit at on-street meters already exists; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors is now being requested to set the penalty amount for violation of the two hour time limit at off-street parking meters in Transportation Code, Division II; and,

WHEREAS, Currently there is only one Transportation Code, Division I section for all transit fare evasion violations; and,

WHEREAS, Differentiating fare evasion or fraudulent use of a Clipper card from other fare evasion violations will allow the SFMTA to track, monitor, and target Clipper card violations; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has authority to establish a violation for Clipper card fare evasion or fraudulent use in Transportation Code, Division I; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to set the penalty amount for Clipper card fare evasion or fraudulent use violations in Transportation Code, Division II; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has been working to consolidate Citywide management of parking permits under the SFMTA in order to reduce misuse, streamline issuance, and improve enforcement of on-street parking permits as authorized by Proposition A; and,

WHEREAS, The Police Code currently designates the Police Department as the issuing agency for vehicle press cards; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has the authority to amend the Police Code; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter section 16.112 and the Rules of Order of the Board of Directors, published notice was placed in the City's official newspaper to provide notice that the Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on August 2, 2011 to consider the above modifications; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the proposed modifications to the Transportation Code are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, The Department of City Planning has determined that the fine amounts for violation of overtime parking at off-street parking meters and fare evasion using a Clipper card are statutorily exemption from environmental review under California Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA implementing guidelines, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations section 15273 because the increases will be used to meet operating expenses including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, or to purchase or lease supplies, equipment, or materials; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the Department of City Planning's determination is on file in the Secretary's office for the SFMTA Board of Directors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves an amendment to Transportation Code, Division II, Section 302 to establish an off-street parking meter time limit penalty; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves an amendment to Transportation Code, Division II, Section 302 to establish a separate transit violation for fare evasion or fraudulent use of a Clipper card; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors recommends approval by the Board of Supervisors of an amendment to the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I, to add Section 7.2.104 to regulate the use of Clipper cards on Transit Vehicles or in Proof of Payment zones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors recommends approval by the Board of Supervisors a series of amendments to San Francisco Police Code Sections 939 through 939.7 to repeal the Chief of Police's authority to issue or regulate vehicle press cards.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of AUG 2 2011

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency