



ITEM #24-0698

**COUNTY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (DBA GO TRIANGLE) TO
LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TWO DOLLAR (\$2.00) VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX ON
MOTOR VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the Regional Transit Authority Registration Tax in Chapter 105, Article 51 of the North Carolina General Statutes which authorizes counties and regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes to create special district(s) for the purpose of levying an annual vehicle registration tax ("Transit Authority Registration Tax") on certain motor vehicles within its jurisdiction at rate not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per vehicle to raise revenue for capital and operating expenses of an Authority to provide public transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority dba GoTriangle ("GoTriangle") is a regional public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes with the authority to levy a Transit Authority Registration Tax and create a special district on behalf of its member counties, which includes the counties of Durham, Orange, and Wake in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §105-560, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §105-561, as recently amended, provides for the levy and disbursement of the motor vehicle registration tax by GoTriangle in the amount of ten (\$10.00); and

WHEREAS, GoTriangle currently levies a motor vehicle registration tax of eight dollars (\$8.00) on vehicles registered in Durham County, three dollars (\$3.00) of which is dedicated as a local source of revenue to support the Durham County Transit Plan, Durham County Transit Financial Plan, and Durham County Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement, all being approved by the Durham County Board of Commissioners, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization, and GoTriangle;; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2024, GoTriangle conducted a public hearing on the proposed increase in the tax rate in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §105-561(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2024, GoTriangle's Special Tax Board, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §105-561(b)(2), adopted a resolution approving a two-dollar (\$2.00) increase in the vehicle registration tax rate in the special tax district, which would establish a rate for the full amount of ten dollars (\$10.00); and

WHEREAS, subject in part to this Board's approval of an increase in the Transit Authority Registration Tax and with the aforementioned Resolution adopted by the GoTriangle Special Tax Board, the GoTriangle Board of Trustees may increase the Transit Authority Registration Tax in the amount of two dollars (\$2.00) for a total annual rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) in

accordance with N.C.G.S. §105-561.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it being in the best interest of the residents of Durham County, the Durham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the levy of an additional two dollars (\$2.00) of the motor vehicle registration tax as authorized by North Carolina General Statute §105-561. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by GoTriangle.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Durham at a meeting on the 12th day of November, 2024.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the _____ day of November, 2024

Clerk, Durham County Board of Commissioners

Official Seal