



Legislation Text

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PROPOSAL TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE #3558 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (J.E.T.S.) **(NOTE: THIS ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED BY ORD-06:95 ON OCTOBER 17, 2006)**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas

SECTION 1: There is hereby created the Jonesboro Economical Transportation System (JETS)

SECTION 2: The Jonesboro Economical Transportation System shall be a department of the City of Jonesboro. JETS will employ a transit coordinator, under the supervision of the Mayor of Jonesboro to oversee the daily operations of the transportation system known as JETS.

SECTION 3: Financing for the community transportation system will come from a variety of sources, namely the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, local businesses, the City of Jonesboro Capital Improvement Fund and local operating subsidies.

SECTION 4: JETS is hereby authorized to draw funds as allocated by the Federal Transit Administration on a 80% federal fund and a 20% local match for capital improvements/investment; 50% federal fund and 50% local match for routine operating costs.

SECTION 5: Ordinance #3506 known as the 2005 City Budget is hereby amended to reflect the following changes:

(A) The sum of \$130,000.00 shall be transferred from the unexpended balance of Outside Agencies-Industrial Development (10-130-293-00) to the Outside Agencies - Transit Subsidy (10-130-325-00) as the local match portion of capital investment for new start transportation systems.

(B) The following personnel shall be employed by JETS:

1	Transit Coordinator	grade 21	\$48219.93
1	Transit Senior Captain	grade 10	\$24152.29
7	Transit Captains	grade 9	\$22988.50
1	Transit Service Rep	grade 8	\$21880.78
1	Transit Accounting Tech	grade 10	\$24152.29
1	Transit Clerk	grade 8	\$21880.78
1	Transit Service Worker	grade 6	\$19822.91
	Part Time	As Needed	

SECTION 6: As previously passed by the Jonesboro City Council on December 1, 2003 and pending the receipt of private contributions, the sum of \$130,00.00 shall be appropriated as Transit Subsidy (10-130-325) for each of the first three years of operations; in addition the sum of \$130,00.00 shall be appropriated for an additional

two years (2006-2010).

SECTION 7: In an effort to evaluate the usefulness of community transportation and to validate its benefit to the community, a vote of “yea” or “nay” by the residents of the City of Jonesboro for the continued support of the community transportation system shall be placed on the ballot of the General Election to be held in November 2008. If the question of support is rejected by the voters, the City of Jonesboro subsidy would cease no later than December 31, 2010.

SECTION 8: All policy and operating functions shall be reported to the Public Services Committee of the Jonesboro City Council, under the direction of the Transportation Subcommittee Chairman.

SECTION 9: A Community Transportation Advisory Board composed of seven citizens shall be formed to provide input, advice and assistance to the JETS. There shall be one board member representing each city ward and one additional member at large. The Mayor, with the approval of the Jonesboro City Council, will appoint members to the board. Each member shall serve a term of no more than three years, with terms to expire at alternating times. Such board shall have no legislative authority but will function in an advisory capacity.

SECTION 10: The Community Transportation Advisory Board, working with the Transit Coordinator, will devise a set of operating policies and procedures, including a comprehensive ADA plan, to present for full council approval and codification into Jonesboro City Code prior to the full implementation and start-up of operations.

SECTION 11: It is hereby found and declared that an immediate need exists and therefore an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February, 2006.