RESOLUTION MODERNIZING THE WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S FARE POLICY TO ESTABLISH A FARE CAP

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) is transitioning to mobile ticketing and cashless payments utilizing the mobile application UMO; and

WHEREAS, staff benchmarked peer transit agencies and found that it is best practice to incorporate fare capping into a mobile faring transit system; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends further modernizing the WSTA fare policy by implementing a daily fare cap which establishes a not-to-exceed threshold that a passenger must pay in a single day of transit operation; and

WHEREAS, once the fare cap has been met, all additional trips in the same service day will be free; and

WHEREAS, fare capping incentivizes passengers to continue to ride the bus once the fare cap has been met; and,

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending the fare policy to allow a daily fare cap of \$2.00 for all service days; and

WHEREAS, by aligning with industry best practices and leveraging technology to improve the rider experience, fare capping supports WSTA's broader goals of increasing ridership, promoting equity, and modernizing the transit system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby adopt a daily fare cap of \$2.00 for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority.