

**RESOLUTION OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AUTHORIZE
AND APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REGISTRATION
TAX**

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 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 (“Regional Transit Authority Registration Tax”) on certain motor vehicles within its jurisdiction 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 d/b/a/ 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 Regional 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 N.C.G.S. §105-560, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, GoTriangle currently levies a Regional Transit Authority Registration Tax on qualified motor vehicles in Wake, Durham, and Orange Counties in the annual amount of eight dollars (\$8.00); and

WHEREAS, at the request of GoTriangle, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 199 (Session Law 2024-30) in 2024 which raised the cap on the Regional Transit Authority Registration Tax from \$8 to \$10; and

WHEREAS, the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, pursuant to N.C.G.S §105-561(b)(1), issued notice held a public hearing on their proposal to increase the tax by \$2 on October 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the GoTriangle Special Tax Board, pursuant to N.C.G.S §105-561(b)(2), adopted a resolution approving a \$2 increase to the tax rate on October 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S §105-561(b)(3), the boards of commissioners in the Triangle Tax District created by GoTriangle including Wake, Durham and Orange counties must adopt resolutions approving any increase in the tax rate; and

WHEREAS, GoTriangle has duly requested in writing that the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution approving a \$2 increase in the Regional Transit Authority Registration Tax.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Wake County (“Board”) resolves that:

1. The Board hereby authorizes and approves an increase in the Transit Authority Registration Tax by the Board of Trustees of the Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority d/b/a/ Triangle Transit, also known as GoTriangle, on those qualifying motor vehicles with a tax situs in Wake County in the amount of two dollars (\$3.00) at a total rate not to exceed eight dollars (\$10.00), subject to all other approvals required pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-561 and § 105-562.

2. The Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to GoTriangle within three days after the passage hereof for delivery to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles upon final adoption by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees.
3. Collection and administration of the three dollar (\$3.00) increase in the Transit Authority Registration Tax, and all liability connected therewith, is with the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles and shall begin and continue on and after the first day of the sixth calendar month after final adoption tax increase by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-562.
4. The Board hereby authorizes the County Manager to take any actions necessary to effect the provisions of this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Adopted this the 18th day of November 2024.

Shinica Thomas, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Yvonne Gilyard, Clerk to the Board