

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-002

**AMENDING MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE SECTION 301.004 TO PROVIDE
A HARDSHIP EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN QUALIFIED VETERANS**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-039, dated July 25, 2018, the Board approved the development of a veteran toll waiver program to provide free or discounted use of Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) toll projects to veterans eligible under Section 372.053, subject to certain restrictions set forth in Resolution 18-039; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 18-059, dated October 31, 2018, the Board approved certain amendments to Mobility Authority Policy Code, Chapter 3, Article 1, Subchapters A & B, including revisions to Section 301.004 to implement the Qualified Veterans Toll Discount Program; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Qualified Veterans Toll Discount Program is currently limited to one (1) vehicle per qualified veteran; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed S.B. 1091, which amended Section 372.053 of the Transportation Code to require a toll project entity such as the Mobility Authority that implements a veteran toll waiver program with a limit of one (1) vehicle per participating veteran, to allow an eligible veteran to receive the discount on a second vehicle upon a demonstration of hardship, as determined by the toll project entity; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends amending Mobility Authority Policy Code Section 301.004 as shown in Exhibit A to comply with Texas Transportation Code § 372.053, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends Section 301.004 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto.

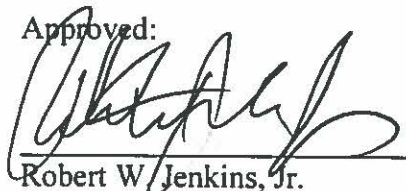
Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 29th day of January 2020.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Approved:



Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

301.004 Exemption from Toll

- (a) The operator or the registered owner of a vehicle operated on an authority toll facility is required to pay the toll established by this subchapter unless the vehicle is exempted by federal law, state law or by this section.
- (b) An authorized emergency vehicle defined by Section 541.201, Transportation Code, is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 370.177, Transportation Code.
- (c) A state or federal military vehicle is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 362.901, Transportation Code.
- (d) Through December 31, 2021, recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor and Purple Heart awards as well as Disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the Qualified Veterans Toll Discount Program. ~~To~~ be exempt from paying a toll to use the authority's non variable rate toll facilities, Participation is limited to no more than two vehicles per qualified veteran, the designated primary plate and an additional plate upon demonstration of a hardship as determined by the Executive Director. All participants must be registered with the authority; the vehicle must be registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; the vehicle must have a qualifying specialty plate and have it properly displayed; the vehicle must be associated to an electronic toll tag account; and the participating veteran must have no outstanding CTRMA toll violations at the time of the transaction. ~~Participation is limited to one (1) vehicle per qualified veteran.~~ The exemption does not apply to the authority's express lane facilities.
- (e) Under Section 370.177(a-1), Transportation Code, and to facilitate a multi-modal transportation system that ensures safe and efficient travel for all individuals in central Texas, a vehicle used exclusively to provide transportation to a member of the public under a transit program established and managed by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility.
- (f) The authority will create technical procedures to implement the toll exemptions described and established by this section.