

**CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA**

**NUMBER: 4.02 (10.3)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/13/04**

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
FREE USE OF CHESAPEAKE EXPRESSWAY**

**SUPERCEDES: 06/15/01**

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to clarify who may use the Chesapeake Expressway without paying a toll.

**II. POLICY**

A. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, section 33.1-252, "Upon presentation of a toll pass issued pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the following persons may use all toll bridges, toll ferries, toll tunnels, and toll roads in this Commonwealth without the payment of toll while in the performance of their official duties:"

1. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner;
2. Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board;
3. Employees of the Virginia Department of Transportation;
4. The Superintendent of the Department of State Police;
5. Officers and employees of the Department of State Police;
6. Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;
7. Employees of the regulatory and hearings divisions of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and special agents of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control;
8. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles;
9. Employees of the Department of Motor Vehicles;
10. Local police officers;
11. Sheriffs and their deputies;
12. Regional jail officials;
13. Animal wardens;

14. The Director and officers of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries;
  15. Persons operating fire-fighting equipment and ambulances owned by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth or a nonprofit association or corporation;
  16. Operators of school buses being used to transport pupils to or from schools;
  17. Operators of (i) commuter buses having a capacity of 20 or more passengers, including the driver, and used to regularly transport workers to and from their places of employment and (ii) public transit buses;
  18. Employees of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation;
  19. Employees of any transportation facility created pursuant to the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988; and
  20. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision of this subsection requiring presentation of a toll pass for toll-free use of such facilities, in cases of emergency and circumstances of concern for public safety on the highways of the Commonwealth, the Department shall, in order to alleviate an actual or potential threat or risk to the public's safety, facilitate the flow of traffic on or within the vicinity of the toll facility by permitting the temporary suspension of toll collection operation on its facilities.
  21. Employees of the City of Chesapeake and Private contractors, performing official duties on the roadway and/or right of way areas between Hillcrest Parkway, Exit 8B and North of the intersection of the Chesapeake Expressway and Gallbush.
- B. Any vehicle is specifically equipped to permit its operation by a handicapped person;
1. The vehicle is specifically equipped to permit its operation by a handicapped person;
  2. The driver of the vehicle has been certified, either by a physician licensed by Virginia and any other state or by the Adjudication Office of the United States Veterans Administration, as being severely physically disabled and having permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity impairments which substantially impair his ability to deposit coins in toll baskets;
  3. The driver has applied for and received from the Department of Transportation a vehicle window sticker identifying him as eligible for such free passage; and
  4. Such identifying window sticker is properly displayed on the vehicle.

- C. A copy of this subsection shall be posted at all toll bridges, toll roads, and other toll facilities in Virginia. The Department of Transportation shall provide envelopes for payments of tolls by those persons exempted from tolls pursuant to this subsection and shall accept any payments made by such persons.
  
- D. In cases of emergency and circumstances of concern for public safety, the City shall, in order to alleviate as actual or potential threat or risk to the public's safety, facilitate the flow of traffic on or within the vicinity of the toll facility by permitting the temporary suspension of toll collection operations on its facilities. The City Manager or the Deputy City Manager shall have the authority to temporarily suspend the collection of toll