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FOREWORD

The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority operates bridges and related facilities in the United States and Canada by virtue of Title Four (4) of the New York State Public Authorities Law and by virtue of an agreement between the Authority and the Federal Bridge Corporation, Ltd. of Canada, governing those operations in Canada.

These Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority pursuant to Article 4, Section 8, of the New York State Constitution, Sections 101 and 102 of the Executive Law, Section 1630 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 578 of the Public Authorities Law (particularly Subdivisions 30, 34, and 35 thereof), and have the force and effect of law in the State of New York. As to those portions of the facilities located in Canada, these Rules and Regulations were adopted pursuant to Section 3 of the "Agreement between the Federal Bridge Corporation, Ltd. and Thousand Islands Bridge Authority for Operation of the Canadian Portion of the Thousand Islands Bridge" effective the 1st day of July 2020 and the Highway Traffic Act of the Province of Ontario.

A copy of these Rules and Regulations can be obtained from the Authority's website at www.tibridge.com or by written request to the Authority.

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PART 5500
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Section 5500.1 **Use of facilities conditional.** The use of the facilities by any person or vehicle shall be deemed to be conditional upon payment of the prescribed toll herein set forth and upon observance of the rules and regulations set forth in this Chapter; all rights, privileges, licenses and permits, express or implied, granted by the Authority, for the use of the facilities shall be deemed to be revocable; and each such right, privilege, license or permit shall, at the option of the Authority, be deemed to be revoked and cancelled by and upon the breach of any such rule or regulation or the violation of any applicable laws or ordinances while using the facilities. Persons or vehicles violating any such rule or regulation, as well as any or all other vehicles owned or operated by such person or by the

owner end for operator of such vehicle, may be excluded from the facilities permanently or for a specified time.

Section 5500.2 **Closing of facilities.** When, In the sole and exclusive judgement of the Authority employee then in charge, conditions exist which constitute an actual or potential danger to the health or safety of any person or which are causing, or which threaten to cause, damage to property, such Authority employee then in charge may order that the facilities, or such portion thereof as he may determine, be closed to all or any part of the public for such time as such Authority employee then in charge may deem necessary. Conditions which might precipitate such action include but are not limited to fire, flood, snow, ice, rain, hail, wind, accident, overcrowding, riot, civil commotions, explosion (either chemical or nuclear), or simple threat of bodily harm or property damage.

Section 5500.3 **Penalties.**

(a) Violation of any rule or regulation governing or regulating traffic on or over any part of the facilities located in the State of New York shall be a traffic infraction as that term is defined in the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

(b) Violation of any rule or regulation governing or regulating traffic on or over any part of the facilities located in the Province of Ontario, Canada, shall be deemed to be violation of a comparable provision of the Highway Traffic Act of the Province of Ontario, Canada.

(c) Violation of any rule or regulation contained herein may be cause for denial of the use of the facilities at the discretion of the Authority employee then in charge.

Section 5500.4 **Amendment.** These rules and regulations may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Authority duly adopted.

PART 5501

DEFINITIONS

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5501.1 Definitions

Section 5501.1 **Definitions.** Whenever and wherever used in this Chapter, the following words and terms, whether used in the singular or plural, shall have the meanings indicated, unless the context in which the same is used clearly requires a different meaning or indicates to the contrary:

- (a) Authority- The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority.
- (b) Authority employee - any person employed by or designated to act for and on behalf of the Authority.
- (c) Bridge - any area or part of structures which provide a means of crossing any portion of the St. Lawrence River between Collins Landing in the United States and Ivy Lea in Canada.
- (d) Bus - a motor vehicle having the capacity to carry 10 or more persons, including the operator.
- (e) Facilities - all bridges, plazas, approaches, roadways, parking areas, buildings, structures or improvements which form any part of the entire bridge complex known as the Thousand Islands Bridge leading from Collins Landing in the United States to Ivy Lea in Canada and which is either owned, operated or controlled by the Authority.

(f) Motor vehicle - any vehicle driven or propelled by a motor.

(g) Operator - the driver or any person who pushes, draws, propels, operates or is in charge of a vehicle.

(h) Park (or parking) - the standing of any vehicle on any bridge, approach, roadway or parking area, or the like, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually and properly engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers where permitted.

(i) Passenger auto - every type of motor vehicle used for the transportation of passengers and registered as such, including those rented for hire, but excluding buses.

(j) Pedestrian - a person on foot.

(k) Pedestrian crossing - those portions of the bridges & approaches thereto and terminals designated as walks or sidewalks and intended for the use of pedestrians.

(l) Police officer - any officer of the law in the State of New York or Province of Ontario, including but not limited to New York State Police, sheriffs and deputies, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Ontario Provincial Police, acting within the scope of his Authority.

(m) Roadway – that part of the facilities, especially bridges, plazas, approaches and parking areas, designed and designated for use of motor vehicles.

(n) Stop (or stopping) - any halting, even momentarily, of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of any Authority employee, any police officer or traffic control device.

(o) Tractor - a motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles but having no provision for carrying loads independently.

(p) Traffic - all pedestrians and vehicles using the facilities.

(q) Traffic control device - any sign, signal, marking or device, whether permanent or temporary, placed or erected by the Authority for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

(r) Trailer (or semi-trailer) - a vehicle without motive power drawn by a tractor or other motor vehicle.

(s) Truck - a motor vehicle designed or used primarily for the transportation of property, except buses, tractors, trailers or semi-trailers.

(t) Vehicle - any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a roadway.

(u) Vehicular crossing - the entire facilities owned or operated by the Authority which are intended to permit the passage of vehicles between Collins Landing in the United States and Ivy Lea in Canada, including but not limited to roadways, bridges, approaches, plazas, parking areas, and portions of customs and immigration facilities.

PART 5502

TOLL RATES

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Section 5502.1 Tolls

(a) **Facility Description.** The Thousand Islands Bridge crossing consists of the following:

South channel (U.S.) span - the suspension span over the main American channel of the St. Lawrence River between the mainland of the United States at Collins Landing, New York and Wellesley Island, New York.

International spans - the northbound and southbound road level spans over the St. Lawrence River between Wellesley Island, New York and Hill Island, Ontario.

North channel (Canada) span - the suspension span over the main Canadian channel of the St. Lawrence River between Hill Island, Ontario and the mainland of Canada at Ivy Lea, Ontario.

(b) **Passage Covered.** Tolls are collected in the northbound direction on the mainland of the United States at Collins Landing, New York and in the Southbound direction on the mainland of Canada at Ivy Lea, Ontario. The rates set forth under subdivision (c) cover either one-way through passage from one mainland to the other or one round trip from either mainland to either connecting island (i.e. Wellesley or Hill Island) and

return, and are differentiated as being northbound or southbound, as indicated.

(c) **Schedule of Tolls.** Effective April 1, 2021, the toll rates for the respective classes are as follows:

<i>Category I</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Rate U. S. Dollar</i>
<i>Subcategory 1A</i>		
	Vehicles under 10,000 lbs. (4,536 kgs.) gross weight, for the first two (2) axles on any vehicle:	

From U. S. Toll Plaza Northbound	\$3.25
From Canadian Toll Plaza Southbound	\$3.25

<i>Subcategory 1B</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Rate U. S. Dollar</i>
	Vehicles over 10,000 lbs. (4,536 kgs.) gross weight for the following special vehicles: trucks transporting freight over one channel span only for delivery to Wellesley Island, New York or Hill Island, Ontario businesses or residents, excluding dump trucks, concrete trucks or any similar type commercial vehicle, whether loaded or unloaded; motor homes of all classes and types; transport trucks towing self-contained travel trailers; and school buses, all of which for the first two (2) axles on any vehicle:	

From U. S. Toll Plaza Northbound	\$6.00
From Canadian Toll Plaza Southbound	\$6.00

<i>Category II</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Rate U. S. Dollar</i>
	Vehicles 10,000 lbs. (4,536 kgs.) or over gross weight, not included in Category I, transporting freight for passage over any span including any vehicle, passenger bus, tractor trailer unit and any vehicle transporting commercial goods, for first two (2) axles on any vehicle:	

From U. S. Toll Plaza Northbound	\$8.00 *
From Canadian Toll Plaza Southbound	\$8.00 *

<i>Category III</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Rate U. S. Dollar</i>
	Additional axles for any axles in excess of two (2) on any vehicle, including trailers each:	

From U. S. Toll Plaza Northbound	\$2.00 *
From Canadian Toll Plaza Southbound	\$2.00 *

* For Bestpass account users whose accounts are current and in good standing for each month during the fiscal year (i.e. March 1st through February 28th or 29th), the following schedule of fiscal year volume discounts shall apply for Class II and III tolls only; and such discount, if applicable, shall be reimbursed to the user in the same currency as applied to such toll charges, or pro rata if both U.S. and Canadian currencies were involved, within 60 days after the completion of the fiscal year in which the same was earned.

FISCAL YEAR VOLUME	DISCOUNT
\$24,000 - \$50,000	3%
\$50,001 - \$75,000	5%
\$75,001 - \$100,000	7%
\$100,001 and over	10%

(d) **Commutation Trip Tags.** Commutation trip tags, subject to the special conditions set forth in section 5502.2 of this Part, are available at the following rates:

<i>Commutation Trip Tags</i>	<i>Rate U. S. Dollar</i>
16-Trip Tag	\$26.00
72-Trip Tag	\$38.00

(e) **Inspection of cargo documents.** Upon request of any Authority employee, operators of trucks and tractor-trailers

shall permit examination of such papers and/or documents as may be deemed necessary to determine the weight or the character of the material being carried therein, prior to, during or after the crossing of the facilities.

(f) **Non-revenue passage.** Tolls shall not be charged for:

- (1) Pedestrians;
- (2) Vehicles with valid passes;
- (3) Bicycles without motors; and
- (4) Fire or emergency apparatus such as ambulances and rescue vehicles and police vehicles attending an accident or emergency call.

(g) **Currency Exchange Rate for Tolls.** The Authority shall review and set by resolution any changes in currency rate or exchange for payment of tolls and other charges in Canadian currency January and July of each year for the periods following March 1st through August 31st and September 1st through the last day of February respectively, or at such other times as the Authority may determine is necessary.

Section 5502.2 **Commutation trip tag regulations.**

In the use of commutation trip tags, the following special conditions are hereby established in addition to those relative to the operation of a vehicle:

- (a) The tag is valid for two years from the date of purchase.
- (b) The tag must be presented to the toll collector.
- (c) The commutation trip tag is not redeemable.
- (d) Trip tag regulations. In the use of commutation trip

tags, the following special conditions are hereby established in addition to those relative to the operation of a vehicle:

- (1) The commutation trip tag is only valid for Class I vehicles, as described in subdivision (c) of section 5502.1(c) of this Part, which is under 10,000 lbs. (4,536 kgs.) gross weight or school buses on regularly scheduled student pickup and delivery routes, for the first two (2) axles on any such vehicle or school bus.
- (e) The commutation trip tag must be surrendered to the toll collector upon expiration.
 - (f) A commutation trip tag which is lost will not be replaced with a substitute by the Authority.

Section 5502.3 **Nonpayment of toll.** Toll must be tendered all in lawful U.S. currency or all in lawful Canadian

currency. The evasion, nonpayment, payment in other than such currency, payment of less than the full amount (except for applicable fiscal year volume discounts), or other failure to comply with the toll rate schedule for any reason is prohibited.

PART 5503

TRAFFIC

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Section 5503.1 **Inspection of vehicles.** Before using and during use of the facilities, all vehicles shall be subject to inspection by any Authority employee when, in the opinion of such Authority employee, such inspection is required to determine whether such use would be in violation of these rules and regulations, and the determination that any vehicle so inspected is unsafe shall be in the sole and exclusive judgement of such Authority employee and final and binding upon all persons.

Section 5503.2 **Types of vehicles excluded.** Vehicles loaded in such a manner or with such materials or so constructed or equipped as possibly to endanger persons or property, or likely to render the use of the facilities unsafe, shall be excluded from use of the facilities, and the transportation of any such vehicle is hereby prohibited. Without limiting the foregoing, the following types of

vehicles come within the meaning of this section and shall be denied use of the facilities:

- (a) Vehicles with persons standing on the outside thereof or sitting on the rear with feet dangling;
- (b) Vehicles having flat tires;
- (c) Non-gas-propelled bicycle which are being ridden on the bridges;
- (d) Construction vehicles with metal tires, tracks or solid rubber tires;
- (e) Pushcarts, wheelbarrows, bicycles and similar vehicles. Bicycles may be walked, not ridden, on the bridge sidewalks only;
- (f) Vehicles loaded with garbage, papers, loose hay, straw or loose materials not effectively covered and/or secured;
- (g) Vehicles loaded with animals or poultry not properly confined;
- (h) Vehicles overloaded to such an extent that the means of propulsion are insufficient;
- (i) Vehicles with inadequate brakes;
- (j) Vehicles which are towing another vehicle with other than a steel tow-bar device connecting same (e.g. ropes and/or chains);
- (k) Buses with passengers standing between the driver and the front entrance door or so located as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front sides;
- (l) Vehicles emitting excess smoke or gas;
- (m) Vehicles which would be excluded from passage without a special permit or escort, under section 5503.3 of this Part, and for which no such permit has been issued or no such escort provided; and
- (n) Vehicles determined to be unsafe by an Authority

employee under section 5503.1 of this Part.

Section 5503.3 Vehicles requiring special permits or escorts.

(a) No vehicle falling within any of the following categories shall be permitted to use the facilities unless a special permit is issued by the Authority employee in charge and, if required as a condition of such permit, a special escort is provided and fees therefore paid as set forth herein:

(1) Vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 45 tons. (40,823 kgs.)

(2) Vehicles having a height in excess of 14 feet (4.2672 meters).

(3) Vehicles having a width in excess of 8 feet 6 inches (2.5908 meters).

(4) Vehicles which require a special permit under the laws of the State of New York or the Province of Ontario, Canada, as the case may be, because of their length.

(5) Vehicles transporting explosives, radioactive materials or dangerous commodities.

(6) Vehicles which have recently carried explosives, radioactive materials or other dangerous commodities and show any evidence of residue of such materials or commodities.

(b) In determining whether or not such special permit should be issued or, if issued, what conditions should apply thereto, such Authority employee in charge may confer with the Authority's consulting engineers, counsel and/or whatever other specialists or regulatory agencies they may consider appropriate in the circumstances, but such

determination in any given situation shall be the sole and exclusive judgment of such Authority employee in charge and final and binding upon all persons.

SPECIAL PERMIT & ESCORT FEES
Effective April 1, 2021

<i>Description</i>	<i>Rate</i> <i>US Dollars</i>
From U.S. Toll plaza Northbound	\$150.00
From Canada Toll Plaza Southbound	\$150.00

PART 5504

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15 Section 5504.1 **Reasonable speed.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the vehicular crossing at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and without having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

Section 5504.2 **Speed limits.** The maximum speed on the vehicular crossing is 40 miles per hour in the State of New York and 50 kilometers per hour in the Province of Ontario, unless otherwise posted and except where a special hazard exists that requires lower speed as provided in section 5504.1, and no person shall operate a vehicle on the vehicular crossing at a speed in excess thereof.

Section 5504.3 **Compliance with traffic control devices.** Every person shall obey the instructions of any applicable traffic control device, unless otherwise directed by an Authority employee.

Section 5504.4 **Compliance with directions of Authority employees.** No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any Authority employee.

Section 5504.5 **Payment of toll.** All vehicles which intend to cross any bridge shall first pay the toll prescribed by

section 5502.1 at the regularly established places or booths for the collection of such tolls.

Section 5504.6 **Proper entry upon facilities.** Entry upon the facilities except at the toll plazas designated for such purposes is prohibited, without regard to intent to evade tolls. Violators shall be assessed for tolls properly payable in accordance with the toll rate schedule as listed in section 5502.1.

Section 5504.7 **Trucks and buses** required to keep right; maintain distance.

(a) When two or more lanes and booths are open at the toll plaza, trucks and buses shall use the lane and booth that is designated for such vehicles unless instructed otherwise by an Authority employee. For the purpose of this section, the right-hand side shall be as the vehicle is approaching the plaza or booth prior to paying the toll prescribed.

(b) All commercial trucks and buses shall maintain a distance of 500 feet (150 meters) between other like vehicles traveling in the same direction while on the bridges.

Section 5504.8 **Stopping and parking.** No person shall stop or park a vehicle upon the vehicular crossing except:

(a) when necessary to avoid injury or damages to persons or property;

(b) in compliance with the direction of an Authority

employee;

(c) while paying tolls;

(d) when disabled;

(e) in areas on the vehicular crossing provided and marked by signs, striping or other devices marked for such purposes;

(f) at designated stopping points prior to customs and immigration and related inspection booths and areas.

Section 5504.9 **Unattended vehicles.**

(a) No person shall leave a vehicle unattended upon the vehicular crossing except in case of an emergency or in the conduct of business with the Authority, customs officials, immigration officials, carriers or customs brokers, and then only in areas designated for such purpose.

(b) When it is permitted for a motor vehicle to stand unattended, no person driving or in charge of such vehicle shall leave it so unattended without first stopping the engine and effectively setting the brake thereon, and when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or blocking the wheels.

Section 5504.10 **U turns.** No U turns shall be made on the vehicular crossing except under the direction of an Authority employee.

Section 5504.11 **Passing.** No passing of other vehicles on the vehicular crossing shall be made except under the direction of an Authority employee.

Section 5504.12 **Backing vehicles.** No person shall back a vehicle upon the vehicular crossing unless such

movement can be made with safety and without interfering with other traffic using the facilities.

Section 5504.13 **Repairs and tire changes.** No person shall make a repair to a vehicle or change a tire thereon upon the vehicular crossing unless authorized to do so by an Authority employee.

Section 5504.14 **Use of headlights and horns.** No person shall drive a vehicle upon the vehicular crossing using high beam headlights. The flashing of headlights or sounding of horns on the vehicular crossing is prohibited except where such procedures are required in the interest of safety.

Section 5504.15 **Emergency and Authority vehicles.** Upon the approach of any ambulance, police, fire department or Authority vehicle, giving adequate warning by means of a siren or warning lights, all traffic shall proceed off the bridges on to the right-hand side or shoulder of the connecting highway and/or bridge approach roads.

Section 5504.17 **Abandoned vehicles and property.**

(a) Vehicles left unattended or any other property abandoned in or upon the facilities may be removed by the Authority.

(b) Disabled or abandoned vehicles may be removed from the facilities by the Authority. The cost of such removal may be assessed by the Authority against the owner or operator thereof.

PART 5505
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Section 5505.1 **Compliance with orders of Authority employees or police.** No person using the facilities shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any lawful order to any Authority employee or police officer.

Section 5505.2 **Disruptive conduct.** Any person who shall conduct himself in a manner which interferes, or threatens or tends to interfere, with the free, orderly and safe flow of traffic on the facilities can be denied the use of the facilities.

Section 5505.3 **Parades, assemblages or demonstrations.** No parades, assemblages or demonstrations of any kind shall be held in or upon the facilities without the express prior written permission of the Authority.

Section 5505.4 **Hitchhiking; loitering.** No person shall hitchhike upon the vehicular crossing, nor shall any person or persons congregate, stand, sit or loiter in or upon the facilities.

Section 5505.5 **Soliciting and commercial activity.** No person shall solicit, sell or deliver, or offer to sell or deliver, any type of goods or services, upon the facilities without the prior express written permission of the Authority.

Section 5505.6 **Damaging Authority property.** No person shall damage, mark or deface the facilities.

Section 5505.7 **Littering.** No person shall throw, dump, deposit or place, or cause to be thrown, dumped, deposited or placed, any refuse, litter or material of any kind and nature upon the facilities.

Section 5505.8 **Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.** No person shall consume any intoxicating beverage nor have in his or her possession any open bottle or container containing liquor, beer, wine or other alcoholic beverage while such person is on the facilities.

Section 5505.9 **Transporting or storing dangerous materials.** No person shall transport or store in or upon the facilities any explosives or other dangerous materials or articles unless the same meet all the applicable conditions and requirements of the United States and Canadian regulations governing same, as well as section 5503.3.

