



## Passenger Code of Conduct

**These rules are in place for the safety and awareness of all passengers that use “the RIDE” buses to create a fair and safe environment for all passengers.**

1. The transportation of animals is prohibited, except in a secure container, or a service animal on a short, secure leash.
2. Wearing roller skates, in line skates, or using skateboards is prohibited. Carrying your sporting equipment aboard is allowed.
3. Drinking of non-alcoholic beverages or eating is prohibited, except drinking from container with a lid attached designed to prevent spillage.
4. Drinking alcoholic beverages, or possessing an open container of the same, is strictly prohibited.
5. Carrying objects blocking the aisle, stairway or occupying seat is prohibited, except at driver’s discretion, if space allows. Strollers must be folded prior to boarding.
6. Using transit properties for the purposes of sleeping is prohibited
7. Camping or storing personal property at transit properties is also prohibited and “the RIDE” holds no responsibility if items are stolen.
8. Extending anything out windows or doors of moving bus is strictly prohibited.
9. Hanging and swinging off bars or stanchions is prohibited.
10. Attaching oneself to the exterior of the bus or building is prohibited and may be cause to initiate legal action.
11. Smoking is strictly prohibited on transit vehicles, within fifteen feet of the bus stops or the buses while parked at bus stops.
12. Littering is prohibited at stops and aboard all transit vehicles and facilities.
13. Use of sound producing equipment without headphones, such as; iPods, radios, beepers and mobile phones, is prohibited.
14. Spitting, defecating or creating unsanitary condition by discharge from a person of blood, urine, feces, vomit or other bodily fluids is prohibited.
15. Carrying of explosives, flammable, caustic or other harmful material such as weapons is strictly prohibited.
16. Interfering with the provision of safe transportation services is prohibited.
17. Loud, unruly behavior and unwelcome physical or verbal contact with passengers is strictly prohibited.

18. Defacing, destroying, vandalizing transit property, or any signs, notices or advertisements, is prohibited.
19. Entering non-public areas within the transit vehicle or transit facilities is prohibited.
20. Throwing objects at transit property or any person in or on transit property is prohibited.
21. Failure to pay appropriate fare, presenting invalid pass or transfer, or failure to surrender pass if demanded by authorized transit personnel will disqualify you from riding the public transit fixed-route system until the appropriate fare and/or passes is provided.
22. Misrepresenting oneself as eligible for special fare, reduced fare or transfer is prohibited and can lead to legal actions and possible loss of privileges to ride the public transit fixed-route system.
23. Failure to follow direction from the bus driver, or other authorized transit personnel, may lead to disqualification of privilege(s) to ride for the day.
24. Bringing onto transit property odors which unreasonably disturb others or interfere with their use of the transit system -- whether odors arise from one's person, clothes, articles, accompanying animal or any other source -- is prohibited and you will be asked to vacate the bus or transit facility.

### Penalties

1. In addition to the above proscribed conduct, criminal conduct including but not limited to assault, disorderly conduct, or illegal drug use, are prohibited on all transit properties. The Sitka Police Department will be contacted if such conduct is observed by transit personnel.
2. In addition to possible civil and criminal penalties, violators of the code of conduct and any other applicable laws may be subject to immediate denial of service, suspension of privilege to enter or use transit properties or both. Transit properties include all vehicles and facilities used in the transit system.
3. Immediate denial of service may be enforced by a Sitka Police officer, authorized transit personnel including drivers, or authorized personnel of a contract service provider. Failure to comply with denial of service or suspension of privilege to enter or use transit properties shall be grounds for criminal trespass prosecution.
4. In addition to immediate suspension for a day, longer-term suspension of privileges to enter or use transit properties may be initiated by the transportation director, or next appropriate authority, who shall issue a written notice stating the cause and duration of the suspension and the process for requesting review. Suspension shall be in effect

**upon receipt of the notice and shall remain in effect during any review process, or until further notified.**

- 5. Within 10 days after receiving notice of suspension of privileges to enter or use transit facilities, a person receiving such notice may deliver a written request for review of the suspension and an opportunity to present reasons for reconsideration of the suspension, to the transportation director, or next appropriate authority, within 10 normal business days. After receiving a request for review, the transportation director, or next appropriate authority, shall set a telephonic, or in- person hearing, to review the transportation director's decision. The hearing shall be held within 10 normal business days following the request for a hearing. The transportation director shall make a decision within 10 days following the hearing.**