CHAPTER 24

TRANSIT SYSTEM

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24.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to promote the orderly use and operation of the City's transit system and to protect the health, safety and welfare of users of the system.

24.02 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter: (1) Transit system means a system of vehicles owned or operated by the City or by contract with the City for the purpose of providing transportation to the public primarily within the City.

(2) Driver means the driver of a transit system vehicle while driving a transit system vehicle for transit system purposes.

(3) Manager means the person charged with managing the day to day operations of the transit system.

24.03 PAYMENT OF FARE. (1) PAYMENT REQUIRED. Every person who uses the services of the transit system shall pay the proper fare for the services.

(2) ADVANCE PAYMENT. A driver may demand payment of the fare in advance and may refuse service if payment is not made in advance.

24.04 ANIMALS PROHIBITED. No person shall bring any animal into a transit system vehicle except as otherwise provided in this section. (1) SEEING-EYE DOG. A "seeing-eye" dog guiding a person who is legally blind may enter a transit system vehicle with the person being guided.

(2) OTHER ANIMALS. Other animals may be permitted into a transit system vehicle only if special arrangements are made which in the opinion of the Manager protect the vehicles, drivers, other passengers, and the interest of the public and which do not interfere with the efficient operation of the transit system. This subsection shall be strictly construed against the transportation of animals and shall not require the transportation of any animal under any circumstances.

24.05 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES. No person shall do any of the following in a transit system vehicle: (1) Light or smoke a cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other smoking material or use any tobacco product.

(2) Consume any food or drink.

(3) Have any food or drink not securely enclosed in a container.

(4) Play a radio, tape player or other device so that it is audible to others in the vehicle. This subsection does not apply to radios used by the transit system for transit system communications.

(5) Any action which interferes with the safe operation of the vehicle by the driver.

24.06 ENFORCEMENT. (1) REMOVAL. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any other law may be refused entry into a transit system vehicle or removed from the vehicle. A person removed form the vehicle under this section shall be required to pay the full fare and shall not be entitled to any refund.

(2) PENALTY. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in sec. 25.04 in addition to, and not in lieu of, being subject to removal from the vehicle.