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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2000-127 (S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 11.70, PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM, TO ADD PROVISIONS DEFINING AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS AND INCLUDE THE PROHIBITED ACTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER UNDER TITLE 14.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS

Section 1: That Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 11.70 is amended by adding new sections to read as follows:

11.70.020 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter:

Passenger vehicle means any vehicle provided, used, or under contract to transport passengers by the Municipality's Public Transportation System.

Service Animal means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

Concealed Weapon means any weapon as identified in Anchorage Municipal Code Section 8.25.020.

11.70.030 Prohibited Acts.

A. It is unlawful for any person while aboard a passenger vehicle which is transporting passengers in regular route service within the limits of the Municipality of Anchorage to:

1 Smoke, consume, or use a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other tobacco product;

~~2. Consume food or drink;~~

3 Spit;

4 Discard, dispose, place, throw, or drop any litter/in or from a passenger vehicle, except into receptacles designated for that purpose;

5 Play any radio, boom box, cassette recorder, musical instrument or other such device, unless it is connected to an earphone that limits the sound to the individual user;

- 6 Carry any flammable or combustible liquids, live animals, explosives, acids or any other item inherently dangerous or offensive to others, except for:
 - a. properly contained small animals; or
 - b. a service animal properly harnessed or on a leash (but need not be muzzled) and accompanied by a passenger with a disability or a trainer;
- 7 Stand in front of the white/yellow line marked on the forward end of the floor of any passenger vehicle or otherwise conduct himself/herself in such a manner as to obstruct the vision of the passenger vehicle operator;
8. Knowingly fail or refuse to pay the applicable fare for transportation on the passenger vehicle in cash or tokens in the required manner;
9. Present a pass, transfer, or other fare medium when the person presenting such fare knows that the pass, transfer, badge or other fare medium is not valid;
- 10 Carry a concealed weapon in violation of AMC 8.25.020;
- 1 Willfully obstruct, impede, hinder, interfere with or otherwise disrupt the safe and efficient operation of the passenger vehicle or any driver in the performance of his/her duties;
12. Knowingly cause the doors of any passenger vehicle to open by activating a safety device designed to allow emergency evacuation of passengers. It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this subsection that the person charged believed, in good faith, that the action was necessary to protect people from injury or death;
- 13 Use abusive language, insulting threats, or any other type of obscenity or physical abuse upon a passenger vehicle operator or another passenger, in a manner which jeopardizes the safe operation of the vehicle;
14. Refuse to leave a passenger vehicle at the request of a passenger vehicle operator ~~due to obstructive and/or inappropriate behavior, or~~ after violating this section;
- 15 Fail to vacate seats reserved on a passenger vehicle for the disabled and those qualified for senior citizen fares when requested to do so by a police officer or a Public Transportation Department employee.

11.70.040 Penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) and no greater than fifty dollars (\$50.00) as follows:

Violation	Short title	Fine
11.70.030A.1.	Smoke or consume tobacco	\$25
11.70.030A.2.	Consume food or drink	\$10
11.70.030A.3.	Spit	\$25
11.70.030A.4.	Litter	\$10
11.70.030A.5.	Loud music	\$10
11.70.030A.6.; 11.70.030A.10	Carry prohibited item or animal	\$50
11.70.030A.7	Stand in front of white line	\$25
11.70.030A.8.	Evade fare	\$50
11.70.030A.9.	Board with invalid pass or transfer	\$50
11.70.030A.11.; 11.70.030A.12.; 11.70.030A.13.	Stop, interfere or impede operation	\$50
11.70.030A.14.	Refuse to leave passenger vehicle	\$50
11.70.030A.15.	Fail to vacate seat reserved for the disabled/elderly	\$50

11.70.040 Signs Required.

The Public Transportation Department shall require the conspicuous display, within each passenger vehicle, of a sign clearly setting forth all of the prohibitions of this Chapter.

Section 2: Anchorage Municipal Code section 14.60.030 is amended to read as follows: *(the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out)*

14.60.030

The fine schedule under this chapter is as follows:

Code Section**Offense**

11.70.030A.11.;
11.70.030A.12.;
11.70.030A.13.

impede \$50

11.70.030A.14.

Refuse to leave passenger vehicle \$50

11.70.030A.15.

Fail to vacate seat reserved for the \$50
disabled/elderly

Section 3: That this ordinance is effective within 60 days after passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of August, 2000.

Fay Von Hemminger
Chair

ATTEST:

Lepine Ferguson
Municipal Clerk

**Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

Ad 00-127(S)

1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED 8/8/00
	AO 2000-127(S) - Amending AMC Chapter 11.70, Public Transit	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED AO/AM
	System	
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Fay Von Gemmingen
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Elvi Gray-Jackson	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 4751
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS DATE
	Mayor	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Employee Relations Director	
	Municipal Manager	
	Finance	
	Community Development and Planning	
	Property and Facility Management	
	Management Information Systems	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Purchasing	
	Operations Manager	
	Cultural and Recreational Services	
	Fire	
	Health and Human Services	
	Police	
	Public Works	
	Transit	
	Merrill Field (Airport)	
	Municipal Light and Power	
	Anchorage Water and Wastewater	
	Port	
	Solid Waste Services	
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<i>12. New Public Hearing</i>	
6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <i>8/15/00</i>	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>8/15/00</i>

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