



Conduct Policy Ordinance



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Introduction

The Cache Valley Transit District, henceforth referred to as the “CVTD,” is dedicated to providing quality public transit services to all members of the community and visitors regardless of age, sex, race or national origin. The Cache Valley Transit District is also committed to providing a pleasant and safe atmosphere for all of its patrons, and expects that all of its patrons will abide by generally-accepted social norms of behavior. This policy applies to all passengers and employees of the Cache Valley Transit District.

Definitions

CVTD property: structures, vehicles, bus stops or public or private right-of-way used primarily by the CVTD for public transit operations.

Minor: a person who is 17 years of age or younger.

Terminal: bus stop, transit center, or bus garage.

He/His: The words “he” and “his” are used throughout this Policy without regard to the actual gender of the person.

Prohibited Conduct

1. Youth under the age of 10 are not permitted to ride CVTD services without being accompanied by an individual 10 years of age or older.
2. Alcohol and Tobacco. No person shall possess an open container of alcoholic beverage on a transit vehicle or within a transit facility. No person shall ingest intoxicating liquor, or smoke tobacco or other products in or upon any transit vehicle. Smoking tobacco on transit facilities are only allowed in designated areas. Any person reasonably believed to be unlawfully under the influence of alcohol may be refused admittance to any transit facility or transit vehicle.
3. No person shall bring or carry on CVTD property any animal other than a service animal or a K-9 public safety officer. Authorized representatives may give permission for a non-service animal to be brought in or on CVTD property as long as such animal remains in an enclosed carry-on, does not

obstruct the free movement of passengers within any transit vehicle or transit facility, and does not create a nuisance to the operator or passengers.

4. No person shall fail to vacate seats reserved on a transit vehicle for a senior, or person with a disability, when requested to do so by a CVTD representative. If all such seats are held by senior or person with a disability, the representative may designate additional seating as reserved.
5. No person shall place their feet on the seats of any CVTD property.
6. No person shall falsely hold themselves out to be an employee or a transit public safety officer.
7. No property, rubbish, trash, or debris may be discarded, deposited, or abandoned in or upon a transit vehicle or facility other than in a proper trash receptacle provided for that purpose.
8. The District's facilities and buses are to be used for transportation and not for loitering. No person shall loiter in or about a transit facility in a manner and under circumstances manifesting the purpose to engage in acts of misconduct including, but not limited to, exhibitionism, solicitation, malicious mischief, or acts of indecent exposure. Persons loitering will be asked to leave. Failure to comply may result in suspension of riding privileges and/or being trespassed from the property.
9. No person shall bring or carry aboard a transit vehicle any package or article of a size that will block any aisle or stairway on the vehicle.
10. No unauthorized person shall place, permit or cause to be placed any notice or advertisement upon any transit vehicle or transit facility.
11. No person shall deface, destroy, litter on, or otherwise misuse any transit facility.
12. No person furnished transportation on the CVTD system bus shall be permitted to distribute any form of literature if such distribution causes a nuisance, disagreement or discomfort for the other passengers on the bus.

Distribution of literature shall be permitted if such distribution is done in a safe, polite and non-offensive manner. A person distributing literature shall cease to do so upon the request of the bus driver or other authorized CVTD employee.

13. All persons on CVTD property are required to wear clothing that prevents lewdness as defined by Utah's criminal code Section 76-9-702. Foot coverings are also required.
14. No person shall be permitted to engage in conversations that are unwelcome or if a person has requested the conversation to end. If an authorized CVTD employee requests the person to cease conversations with others because a complaint has been filed, then that person will cease the conversation.
15. No person shall be allowed to create a public nuisance as defined by Utah's Criminal Code, Section 76-10-801, 76-10-803 and 78-38-9. If such a nuisance is caused, the person will be asked to stop the behavior that is causing the nuisance. If the behavior is not stopped, then the person will be asked to leave the premise.
16. No person shall threaten to breach or breach the peace on any transit vehicle or facility.
17. No person may create a hazardous or offensive condition upon any vehicle or facility including:
 - A: Brandishing or discharging a firearm
 - B: Threatening with or assaulting any person with any weapon;
 - C: Threatening with, or igniting any flammable substance;
 - D: Spitting, defecating, urinating or discarding any offensive substance in or upon a transit vehicle, facility, or any person.
 - E: Initiating or circulating a report, knowing it to be false, concerning an alleged or impending fire, explosion, bomb, crime, catastrophe or other emergency;

- F: Activating the “emergency stop” device of a transit vehicle in the absence of an emergency;
- G: Subjecting any other person to offensive physical contact, extortion, harassment intimidation;
- H: Engaging in lewd or obscene behavior. as defined by Utah’s Criminal Code, Section 76-9-702.

18. No person shall cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm within any transit vehicle or facility by;

- A: Engaging in fighting, violent, or threatening behavior;
- B: Making excessive and unnecessary noise;
- C: Using abusive, obscene, profane, or vulgar language, or make obscene gestures;
- D: Interfering with the duties of any operator, public safety officer, or authorized representative.

19. No person shall fail to obey a reasonable request or lawful directive of an operator, CVTD representative, public safety officer, or other person in charge or control of a transit vehicle or facility.

20. No person shall extend any portion of his body through any door or window of a transit vehicle while it is in motion.

21. No person shall hang onto or attach himself to an exterior part of a transit vehicle.

22. No person shall park a private vehicle on transit facility, boarding zone, or safety zone.

23. No person shall ride a skateboard, roller skates, or roller blades upon any transit vehicle or facility.
24. No person shall seize or exercise control, by force or violence, of any transit vehicle or facility.
25. No person shall be permitted on CVTD property that has a contagious or infectious disease.
26. No passenger may refuse to leave a Cache Valley Transit District bus, terminal or shelter after having been ordered to do so by the operator or other designated agent of the Cache Valley Transit District. In the event that a person has been ordered to leave a CVTD bus or CVTD property by a designated agent of the CVTD, he will not be allowed on CVTD property until such time that his riding privileges are formally restored. If he is found to be present on CVTD property before his riding privileges are formally restored, the CVTD will summon the Police to have him arrested for trespassing.
27. In order for a person's riding privileges to be restored, he must personally meet with the General Manager or his designated representative; if a minor, his parent or designated guardian must be present. At this meeting, a determination will be made as to the validity of the purported conduct upon which access to CVTD service or property was suspended.
28. If a determination is made by the General Manager or his designated representative that the behavior was indeed inappropriate, the person's riding privileges may be suspended for a period of time based on the severity and/or frequency of the offense and/or offenses. If the General Manager or designee determines that extenuating circumstances led to the revocation of the person's riding privileges, his riding privileges will be immediately restored.
29. If a person's riding privileges are suspended, and the person wishes to regain the riding privileges, the person will be required to sign a "contract" (see Attachment A) indicating:

- a. understanding that the behavior cited was inappropriate;
- b. understanding of the ordinances and policies governing behavior; and
- c. understanding that similar prohibited conduct will lead to further sanctions.

30. If the General Manager or designee determines that a person's riding privileges are indeed suspended, the person may not have access to CVTD service or property for a period of time. The person will be notified of the amount of time riding privileges are suspended.

The suspension may be in addition to those fines, actions, or sanctions applied through the civil or criminal ordinance/statutes of the State of Utah, or the Federal government.

31. In the event that a person causes intentional damage to CVTD property, police will be summoned to arrest the offender and criminal charges filed in accordance with established local, State and Federal statutes. In addition, restitution for all costs will be sought from the offender (or parents/guardians in the case of a minor). Until such time that full restitution is paid, the person's riding privileges may be suspended.

32. In the event that an article is thrown at or from CVTD property, police may be summoned to arrest the offender and criminal charges filed in accordance with established local, State and Federal statutes.

Attachment A

Name

Ticket #

Street Address

Reinstatement Date

Phone Number

CVTD

AGREEMENT

FOR REINSTATEMENT OF TRANSIT RIDE PRIVILEGES

I, _____ agree, in return for my Cache Valley Transit District ride privileges, to abide by the rules, regulations and policies of the Cache Valley Transit District in accordance with CVTD Policy Conduct Ordinance, and Utah State Law which indicate a variety of conduct that are prohibited/precluded on transit vehicles and on transit property. I have received a copy of the CVTD Conduct Policy.

I understand that the bus driver and any other transit official have the authority to ask me to leave the bus and/or transit property if, by my conduct, I disturb other passengers and /or interfere with the safe operation of the transit service.

I understand that if I refuse to leave, the police will be summoned to eject me, and that appropriate charges may be leveled against me.

Citizen's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian (where appropriate)

Date

Operations Supervisor

Date