

## Josephine County – Transit Operation Policy

If a passenger refuses a reasonable request by a Josephine County Transit Operator, that passenger can be subjected to a service suspension. Standard service suspensions are for 5 working days, but can be extended depending on the severity of the offense. Additional violations will result in service suspensions that are progressive in nature.

Examples of reasonable requests are:

- Refusing to move from the seats reserved for the elderly and disabled when asked by a Transit Operator to do so. All reserved seats are clearly marked.
- Refusing to move from the mobility device securement area to accommodate a passenger and their mobility device.
- Disruption of service through delay or purposeful stalling.
- Continued distraction of the Transit Operator by talking to them while the bus is in operation, except for information facilitating their trip.
- Halting disruptive behavior when asked by a Transit Operator. Examples of disruptive behavior are, but not limited to:
  - Listening to music without the use of headphones
  - Use of cell phone while on speaker setting
  - Yelling or talking loudly on a cell phone
  - Yelling at other passengers or a Transit Operator
  - Continued harassment of any Transit Operator, JCT employee, passenger on a vehicle or at a stop
  - Solicitations to collect money or sell or distribute anything, or solicitations for any purpose, on any transit vehicle or shelter, without written authorization of the Transit Manager or his or her designee
  - Use or possession of alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs on a transit vehicle, a stop, or in a shelter, except alcoholic beverages that have not been unsealed
  - Place his or her feet on the seat of any transit vehicle or on any seat in a shelter
  - Not following JCT policy on food and beverage use while riding the transit system
  - Threats to self/others/Transit Operator/Transit Dispatcher
  - Brandishing a weapon of any sort
  - Failure to follow any other operational rule as listed in the published JCT Route Schedule
  - Act in any manner not specifically set forth above that will unreasonably interfere with the safe and efficient operations of the JCT system, or which is in violation of local, state, or federal law.

**All service suspensions are subject to appeal. To appeal the decision, a person needs to make a request, in writing, within 5 days to:**

JCT Special Transportation Advisory Committee  
201 River Heights Way  
Grants Pass, OR 97527

**All other rules for service suspensions and the appeal process apply as well.**

**This policy serves to further support ORS 166.116 – Interfering with Public Transportation**

1) A person commits the crime of interfering with public transportation if the person:

(a) Intentionally or knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in or on a public transit vehicle or public transit station;

(b) Intentionally or knowingly interferes with the provision or use of public transportation services by, among other things, interfering with the movement of, or access to, public transit vehicles;

(c) While in or on a public transit vehicle or public transit station, engages in disorderly conduct in the second degree as defined in ORS [166.025 \(Disorderly conduct in the second degree\)](#); or

(d) Subjects a public transportation passenger, employee, agent or security officer or transit police officer to offensive physical contact.

(2) Interfering with public transportation is a Class A misdemeanor.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Enter or remain unlawfully" has the meaning given that term in ORS [164.205 \(Definitions for ORS 164.205 to 164.270\)](#).

(b) "Public transit station" includes all facilities, structures, lands and rights of way that are owned, leased, held or used for the purposes of providing public transportation services.

(c) "Public transit vehicle" means a vehicle that is used for public transportation or operated by or under contract to any public body in order to provide public transportation.

(d) "Public transportation" means transportation provided by a city, county, special district or any other political subdivision or municipal or public corporation. [2001 c.851 §3 (enacted in lieu of [166.115](#)); 2005 c.631 §4]