

**Texarkana, TX - Code of Ordinances**  
**Part II – Code of Ordinances**  
**Chapter 15**  
**Article VIII – Public Transit Offenses**

**Sec. 15-66. - Prohibitions; public transit offenses.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts while aboard public transit system vehicles, and at public transit facilities and other transit service provision locations:
- (1) Create a fire hazard by possessing any combustible liquid, explosive, source of heat or flame while such source is in operation, lighted or smoldering smoking materials, or corrosive material.
  - (2) Smoke or carry a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar, or cigarette.
  - (3) Consume, distribute, or discard food or drink while inside a transit vehicle, or within a transit structure where it is prohibited.
  - (4) Discard litter, trash, or other offensive materials in a place other than a designated trash receptacle.
  - (5) Engage in loud or boisterous conduct which tends to disturb the peace and safety of other persons aboard a transit vehicle or within a transit facility, or which tends to distract the vehicle operator or obstruct the operator's vision.
  - (6) Operate any musical instrument, radio, tape or CD player, television, scanner, or other device producing an audible sound, unless such device is connected to earphones to be audible only to the individual operating the device or wearing the earphones.
  - (7) Interfere with the driver's operation of the transit vehicle.
  - (8) Open, stop, impede, or interfere with the doors of a transit vehicle.
  - (9) Stand in front of the white line marked on the forward part of the floor or at the rear exit of any transit vehicle.
  - (10) Run, climb through windows or on seats, obstruct passage, or otherwise endanger other passengers.

- (11) Board a public transit vehicle through the rear exit door, unless so directed by an employee or agent of the transit system.
- (12) Willfully damage, deface, mark, cut, scratch, or draw on or remove any part or fixture of a transit vehicle, structure, or sign.
- (13) Place or store any package, box, or case in the aisle way of a transit vehicle, facility, or shelter.
- (14) Bring or operate baby carriages, strollers, or small shopping carts which cannot be readily collapsed or secured so they do not block aisles or present an impediment to other passengers.
- (15) Bring or operate wagons, large shopping carts, or bicycles on transit vehicles or within transit facilities.
- (16) Wear, ride, or use roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, or bicycles on transit vehicles or within transit facilities.
- (17) Ride on top of or on the outside of any transit vehicle, or hold onto a transit vehicle while it is in motion.
- (18) Carry on their person deadly weapons including firearms, knives, switchblades, swords, or other weapons that could endanger other passengers.
- (19) Carry, lead, or accompany any live animal, reptile, fish, bird, or other live thing unless the animal, reptile, fish, bird, or other live thing is properly and securely packaged. The packaging must be small enough that it does not obstruct or reasonably disturb other passengers or the vehicle operator. It shall not be unlawful under this section for a disabled passenger to be accompanied by a service animal under the control of the disabled passenger.
- (20) Walk with bare feet or without a shirt on transit vehicles or within transit facilities.
- (21) Board a transit vehicle or enter a transit facility bleeding, or with an open wound, or after having soiled oneself with bodily fluids.
- (22) Deliberately spit, urinate, or defecate on a transit vehicle or within a transit facility.
- (23) Knowingly board a transit vehicle without paying the established fare or presenting a valid pass or transfer.

- (24) Refuse to leave a transit vehicle or facility after having been ordered to do so by the vehicle operator, a designated transit agent, or a police officer.
- (25) Falsely cause or create a scare or panic by communicating a bomb scare, hijacking threat, or other false warning which tends to unreasonably cause fear, apprehension, or panic on a transit vehicle or within transit facilities.
- (26) Place, move, or park any structure or vehicle along a street or driveway within thirty (30) feet of a designated transit terminal, shelter, bus stop, or other such structure without the express consent of the transit agency.
- (27) Post any signs, advertisements, circulars or printed materials, set up any tables or other portable equipment, or leave any leaflets or other printed materials on transit vehicles or within transit facilities, without the express consent of the transit agency.
- (28) Carry on commercial speech, including but not limited to media or advertisement of any sale or attempt to sell any item or service, in a location that is not specifically provided for that purpose by the transit agency. It shall not be unlawful under this section to use space specifically made available on transit vehicles or within transit facilities for advertisements, community announcements, or other information.

(b)

Any person who commits a public transit offense shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.