[Transportation Code - Fare Evasion and Passenger Conduct Regulations]

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NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160385 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

Section 2. Findings.

1. During the 2015-2016 Legislative session, the State Legislature approved and the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 413, which amended state law provisions regarding passenger conduct violations on public transit vehicles.

2. These violations include penalties for a person failing to comply with a transit official’s warning regarding disturbing another person by loud and unreasonable noise, playing
unreasonably loud sound equipment on or in a system facility or vehicle, or failing to yield seats reserved for an elderly or disabled person.

3. State law now also authorizes the Municipal Transportation Agency to impose administrative penalties, as opposed to only criminal penalties, on minors who commit fare evasion or passenger conduct violations.

Section 3. The Transportation Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 7.2.101, 7.2.102, 7.2.103, and 7.2.104, to read as follows:

SEC. 7.2.101. FARE EVASION REGULATIONS.

(a) To fail to display a valid fare receipt, transit pass, Clipper card, Limited Use ticket, or electronic fare media at the request of any authorized representative of the transit system or duly authorized peace officer while for any passenger or other person in or about any public transit station (including an outdoor high-level boarding platform or station operated by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District), Proof of Payment area, light rail vehicle, streetcar, cable car, motor coach, trolley coach or other public transit vehicle to evade any fare collection system or proof of payment program instituted by the Municipal Transportation Agency.

(b) For any person to board or ride a light rail vehicle, streetcar, cable car, motor coach, trolley coach without prior or concurrent payment of fare.

(c) To fail to display a valid fare receipt or transit pass at the request of any authorized representative of the transit system or duly authorized peace officer while on a transit vehicle or in a Proof of Payment Zone.

(d) To misuse any transfer, pass, ticket, or token with the intent to evade the payment of any fare.

(e) To knowingly use or attempt to use any illegally printed, duplicated, or otherwise reproduced token, card, transfer or other item for entry onto any transit vehicle, Proof of Payment area, or into any transit station with the intent of evading payment of a fare.
For any unauthorized person to use a discount ticket, Clipper card, or Limited Use ticket, or fail to present, upon request from a system fare inspector, acceptable proof of eligibility to use a discount ticket. If an eligible discount user is not in possession of acceptable proof at the time of request, an issued notice of fare evasion or passenger conduct violation shall be held for a period of 72 hours to allow the user to produce acceptable proof. If the proof is provided, the notice shall be voided. If the proof is not produced within 72 hours, the notice shall be processed.

SEC. 7.2.102 PASSENGER CONDUCT REGULATIONS.

For any passenger or other person in or about any public transit station (including an outdoor high-level boarding platform or station operated by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District), Proof of Payment area, streetcar, cable car, motor coach, trolley coach or other public transit vehicle to commit any of the acts described below:

(a) Playing unreasonably loud sound equipment on or in a system facility or vehicle, or failing to comply with the warning of a transit official related to disturbing another person by loud or unreasonable noise;

(b) Smoking, eating, or drinking in or on a system facility or vehicle in those areas where those activities are prohibited;

(c) Expectorating upon or within a system facility or vehicle;

(d) Willfully disturbing others on or in a system facility or vehicle by engaging in boisterous or unruly behavior;

(e) Carrying an explosive or acid, flammable liquid, or toxic or hazardous material in a system facility or vehicle;

(f) Urinating or defecating in a system facility or vehicle, except in a lavatory.

However, this paragraph shall not apply to a person who cannot comply with this paragraph as a result of a disability, age, or a medical condition;
(g) Willfully blocking the free movement of another person in a system facility or vehicle.

(h) Skateboarding, roller skating, bicycle riding, or roller blading in a system facility, vehicle, or parking structure. This restriction does not apply to an activity that is necessary for utilization of the transit facility by a bicyclist, including, but not limited to, an activity that is necessary for parking a bicycle or transporting a bicycle aboard a transit vehicle as permitted by the Municipal Transportation Agency.

(i) Selling or peddling any goods, merchandise, property, or services of any kind whatsoever on transit facilities, vehicles, or property of the Municipal Railway without the express written consent of the Municipal Railway or its duly authorized representatives.

(j) For any person to engage any operator of any streetcar, cable car, bus or trolley coach in conversation, except for the purpose of procuring necessary information.

(k) Failing to yield seating reserved for an elderly person or person with disabilities.

SEC. 7.2.103. FARE EVASION VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY YOUTH.
Any violation of Section 7.2.101 which is committed by a minor under the age of 18 shall be subject to a separate fine established by the Municipal Transportation Agency.

SEC. 7.2.103. CONVERSING WITH OPERATING PERSONNEL PROHIBITED.
For any person to engage any operator of any streetcar, cable car, bus or trolley coach in conversation, except for the purpose of procuring necessary information.

SEC. 7.2.104. PASSENGER CONDUCT VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY YOUTH.
Any violation of Section 7.2.102 which is committed by a minor under the age of 18 shall be subject to a separate fine established by the Municipal Transportation Agency.

SEC. 7.2.104. CLIPPER CARD REGULATIONS.
(a) To fail to display a valid Clipper card at the request of any authorized representative of the transit system or duly authorized peace officer while on a transit vehicle or in a Proof of Payment Zone:

(b) To misuse any Clipper card with the intent to evade the payment of any fare, or to fail to tag a Clipper card transponder or card reader while on a transit vehicle or in a Proof of Payment Zone:

(c) To knowingly use or attempt to use any illegally printed, duplicated, or otherwise reproduced Clipper card for entry onto any transit vehicle or into any transit station with the intent of evading payment of a fare.

(d) For any unauthorized person to use a discount Clipper card or fail to present, upon request from a system fare inspector, acceptable proof of eligibility to use a discount Clipper card.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

Section 5. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under the official title of the ordinance.
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:
JOHN I. KENNEDY
Deputy City Attorney
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June 13, 2016 Land Use and Transportation Committee - CONTINUED

June 20, 2016 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

June 28, 2016 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING
   Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

July 12, 2016 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
   Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee
   Absent: 1 - Mar

File No. 160385

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 7/12/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved