

Administrative Rules established by the Iowa City Transportation Director pursuant to Iowa City Ordinance 6-8-2(M)

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A. Prohibited conduct

The following conduct is prohibited on all City of Iowa City Transit Vehicles.

1. Swearing or using profanity
2. Carrying any flammable liquid, explosive, acid, or other article or material likely to cause harm to others except that nothing herein shall prevent a person from carrying a cigarette, cigar, or pipe lighter or carrying a firearm or ammunition in a way that is not otherwise prohibited by law
3. Carrying any small engine machines
4. Carrying any fireworks
5. Discharging aerosol sprays
6. Obstructing or impeding the flow of the transit vehicles or passenger movement, causing unreasonable delays in boarding or alighting, blocking or partially blocking an aisle or doorway with a package or object.
7. Consuming beverages is allowed in a leak-proof container with a resealing lid.
8. Sleeping in a City of Iowa City vehicle
9. Entering or riding in a City of Iowa City vehicle without wearing a shirt and shoes
10. Entering a City of Iowa City vehicle when lacking the ability, because of illness, intoxication, or medication(s), to care for oneself.
11. Refusing to allow proper securement of a wheelchair on City of Iowa City transit.
12. Blocking aisle with carry-on items (including but not limited to strollers) or interfering with the safe operation of the bus. All items brought on board the bus by passengers must be kept out of the aisles and able to be held by the passenger so as not to occupy an additional seat, and to reduce the risk of items injuring the passenger or others.
13. Bringing storage carts exceeding 18" X 30". The cart must not block the aisle or interfere with any passenger seating. The cart must be secured to prevent rolling or tipping. Driver may refuse boarding if a cart poses a safety risk.
14. Bringing any electric scooter on the bus whether folded or unfolded. Passengers are not allowed to ride or transport electric scooters inside the bus.
15. Riding more than one complete circuit trip (from where a passenger first boards the bus, until it returns to that point)

SEE RELEVANT ORDINANCES

Iowa City Ordinance 6-8-1: Definitions:

For purposes of this chapter, a motor vehicle operated by the city of Iowa City to provide public transportation service within the city, shall be a "bus". (Ord. 96-3729, 4-23-1996; amd. Ord. 25-4942, 1-7-2025)

Iowa City Ordinance 6-8-2 Prohibited Acts:

No passenger on any bus shall do any of the following acts:

- A. Smoke or possess any lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar or cigarette, or use smokeless tobacco, an electronic cigarette or vape device. "Smokeless tobacco" is defined as any product that contains cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco and is intended to be placed in the oral or nasal cavity, including, but not limited to, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, dissolvable tobacco products and snus. "Electronic cigarette" means vapor product as defined in section 453A.1 of the code of Iowa.
- B. Possess open containers of alcoholic beverage or consume alcoholic beverage.
- C. Destroy, deface, soil or remove any part of any bus.
- D. Spit, urinate, or defecate in or upon or from any part of any bus.
- E. Throw, deposit or place any paper, bottles, cans or any other solid waste in or upon any bus except in a designated trash receptacle.
- F. Throw any object of any kind within any bus.
- G. Throw any object of any kind out any door, window or opening of any bus.
- H. Play or operate any electronic sound amplification device, including but not limited to a mobile phone, unless the sound therefrom can only be heard through an earphone or is totally inaudible to all passengers.
- I. Bring any pet or animal onto a bus. Service animals trained to assist persons with disabilities are exempted from this subsection.
- J. Stand or remain in front of any demarcation line on the forward end of the floor of any bus while the same is in motion or after being asked to step back behind the line by the driver.
- K. Interfere with the driver's operation of a bus.
- L. Engage in harassment, bullying, fighting or violent behavior, make loud and raucous noise which causes unreasonable distress to an occupant or operator of the bus, or direct abusive epithets or make any threatening gesture which the person knows or reasonably should know is likely to provoke a violent reaction by another.
- M. Fail to comply with administrative rules established by the transportation director. The transportation director is authorized to establish administrative rules not inconsistent with any ordinance or policy adopted by the city council. A copy of the rules shall be on file with the city clerk and available on the city website. (Ord. 96-3729, 4-23-1996; amd. Ord. 25-4942, 1-7-2025)

Iowa City Ordinance 6-8-3 Driver responsibility:

The driver or personnel supervising the operation of a bus shall advise a passenger who is violating any of the foregoing subsections that the prohibited conduct must cease, and that the passenger may be required to leave the bus if the prohibited conduct does not stop. If the passenger does not comply with the driver's direction, the driver shall immediately contact a supervisor and/or the Iowa City police to report the prohibited conduct. A

supervisor or a police officer who finds that the passenger has engaged in prohibited conduct may remove the passenger from the bus. (Ord. 96-3729, 4-23-1996)

Iowa City Ordinance 6-8-4: Violation; Penalty:

It shall be a violation of this code to engage in conduct prohibited by this chapter. Such violation may be prosecuted as a simple misdemeanor or as a municipal infraction, as provided for in title 1, chapter 4 of this code. (Ord. 96-3729, 4-23-1996)