

## **Passenger Suspension Policy**

**SUBJECT:** Service Suspension for Certain Conduct on County Connection Non-Paratransit Vehicles and/or Facilities

**POLICY:** The Central Contra Costa Transit Authority ("County Connection") has a commitment to provide quality and non-discriminatory public transportation within the County Connection service area. When a passenger engages in suspendable conduct as defined below, County Connection may deny service and/or access to County Connection facilities to those passengers in accordance with the procedures specified in this policy.

### **Criteria for Suspension of Service from Bus or Transit Facilities**

The following conduct (hereinafter referred to as "Suspendable Conduct") will subject a County Connection passenger to suspension, including immediate removal where appropriate, and/or suspension from County Connection buses and/or transit facilities:

1. Verbal or physical abuse of County Connection employees, or passengers.
2. Behavior that presents a danger to the health, safety or welfare of the offending passenger, other passengers, or a County Connection employee. Such behavior includes conduct which is violent, seriously disruptive, or criminal as defined by the California Penal Code.
3. Urinating, defecating, vomiting, spitting or inappropriately discharging of bodily fluids on transit property.
4. Soliciting, advertising, selling or distributing goods or services on transit property, except as authorized by County Connection or its agents.
5. Harassing or abusing a County Connection employee or passenger because of that person's race, nationality, sexual orientation or other protected classifications.
6. Disruptive conduct of passengers temporarily unable to care for themselves due to illness or intoxication (alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances), which interferes with the safe and smooth operation of the system.
7. Smoking or carrying a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar, cigarette, electronic cigarette, nicotine delivery systems or using any tobacco products on County Connection properties not designated as tobacco use areas.
8. Carrying any flammable liquid, explosive, acid or other article or material likely to cause harm to others.

9. Intentionally obstructing or impeding the flow of transit vehicles, passenger traffic, hindering or preventing access to transit vehicles or stations, or unlawfully interfering with the provision or use of public transportation services.
10. Intentionally disturbing others by engaging in loud, boisterous, raucous, unruly, or harassing behavior that is harmful and intimidating to County Connection employees or other passengers.
11. Destroying, defacing, or otherwise damaging property of County Connection. Willfully tampering with, removing, displacing, injuring, or destroying any part of any facility or vehicle of County Connection.

### **Procedures for Service Suspension**

Service may be suspended and the passenger may be removed from the bus if a passenger engages in Suspendable Conduct. Based upon the seriousness of the passenger's conduct, County Connection's prior experiences with the passenger and, taking into account information presented by the involved passenger, County Connection will determine the length of the suspension, not to exceed thirty (30) days.

A Notice of Suspension will, if possible, be mailed to the offending passenger. If service of the Notice of Suspension on the passenger cannot be accomplished by regular mail, County Connection may use other methods of obtaining service on the passenger, including hand delivery.

Within five (5) days from receipt of notification of suspension a passenger may present information seeking relief from a suspension by contacting the Director of Transportation at County Connection headquarters located at 2477 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord, California. Information concerning the passenger's right to present opposing information will be included in the Notice of Suspension.

County Connection reserves the right to pursue all remedies at law, including but not limited to, enlisting the services of local law enforcement, petitioning the Superior Court for a temporary restraining order and/or seeking a permanent injunction in appropriate cases.

DATE OF ADOPTION: \_\_\_\_\_