

**JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**PUBLIC USE OF JTA PROPERTY  
(RULE NO.008)**

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### **I. Purpose and Scope.**

This Rule sets forth the policy of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) with respect to public use of JTA's property. This Rule shall apply to the following facilities and equipment (collectively, "JTA Properties"):

- JTA administrative, transit and parking facilities and equipment;
- Transit buses, community shuttles, paratransit service vehicles, and Skyway vehicles;
- Charter service/special services vehicles;
- Park and ride lots; and
- Transit shelters and all other passenger facilities.

JTA Properties are specifically designated for the sole purpose of facilitating the safe and efficient transportation of JTA transit patrons and for the proper conduct of JTA's governmental rights and responsibilities for transit and transportation. It is the intent of JTA that all persons on, in, or wishing to use JTA Properties shall comply with this Rule.

### **II. Use of JTA Properties**

JTA Properties are not "public fora" for purposes of the exercise of free speech or assembly, and the JTA hereby declares its official intent and policy to such effect.

Therefore, all JTA Properties are open to members of the traveling public and those having business with the JTA solely for transportation purposes and JTA business purposes, and none others. In particular at JTA Properties: (i) persons may not systematically or repeatedly confront or accost JTA transit patrons or others having official business with JTA (as a group or individually) for purposes of unsolicited debate or dialogue; (ii) no person shall solicit signatures, or solicit contributions of money or other articles of value, for political, religious, charitable, or other purpose, or receive money or other articles of value, whether in the form of cash, checks, credit or debit vouchers or any other form of negotiable instruments; (iii) persons are prohibited from distributing leaflets, pamphlets, or brochures; (iv) persons are prohibited from harassing JTA patrons and others having official business with JTA, causing an unsafe obstruction to the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or pursuing contact with patrons who indicate that they do not wish to have contact with such persons; and (v) persons may not engage in picketing, marches, demonstrations, singing, chanting, waving posters, the use of loud speech or noises, amplification devices such as bullhorns, stereos or radios.

JTA does permit commercial advertising at JTA Properties in accordance with its commercial advertising standards, rules and policies. No sign, device or structure of any kind for commercial advertisement may be carried or placed on any of the JTA Properties without the express written permission of JTA. To obtain such permission, persons must contact JTA's Director of External Affairs.

### **III. Noncompliance**

Persons who violate this Rule are subject to a range of penalties. Noncompliance with this Rule may include one or any combination of the following:

1. Verbal warning by JTA supervisor to correct noncompliance.
2. For minor offences (those not involving public safety or behaviors evoking concerns for public safety; discouraging transit patrons from use of the JTA Properties; or knowing and willful violations), the offender may be expelled from the JTA facility. If a person is expelled from a JTA facility, such person is suspended from privileges to use all JTA Properties for the remainder of the day. If a suspended person is seen on any of the JTA Properties during the suspension period, the person will be trespassing and law enforcement will be contacted.
3. For serious offences (such as service disruption, or evoking concerns for safety of transit patrons or other persons) or repeated minor offences, the offender may be suspended from use of all JTA Properties for a determined period of time. A suspended person is suspended from privileges to use all JTA Properties for the duration of the suspension period. If a suspended person is seen on any of the JTA Properties during the suspension period, the person will be trespassing and law enforcement will be contacted.
4. A person's privileges to use JTA Properties may be permanently terminated for repeat offenses or for one major offense, including but not limited to physical threats, violence or disruptive behavior which presents a safety hazard.

### **IV. Publication**

This Rule is available online at JTA's website, <http://www.jtafla.com>. Hard copies are available without charge at JTA's offices 100 North Myrtle Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.