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Jefferson Transit Authority

Bicycles and Other Recreational Equipment Policy

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I. PURPOSE:

It is the intent of this policy to provide the highest level of customer service possible regarding transporting bicycles and other recreational equipment on buses while maintaining the highest standards of safety.

II. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all employees driving transit vehicles.

III. PROCEDURES:

1. Types of Bicycles Allowed on the Bike Rack

Standard bicycles: Bike racks are made for standard size, unaltered bikes. Conventional, single seat, two wheeled bikes are allowed to be transported on buses. Both wheels must fit into the bike rack wheel slots and the support arm/hook must fit over the top of the bike wheel.

Electric bicycles: Sealed dry cell, electric assist bicycles where the battery is covered and is part of the bike design are allowed, the bike must weigh less than 55 lbs and be secured on the inside slot nearest to the vehicle. Both wheels must fit into the bike rack wheel slots and the support arm/hook must fit over the top of the bike wheel.

The bike rack is designed for two wheeled bicycles only. Gas powered, tandem, recumbent three wheeled, and oversized bikes are not permitted. Accessories and attachments are not acceptable if they have the potential to prevent other bikes from being loaded or damage another bike. Accessories that may fly off, flap around, or cause a visual distraction for the driver will not be allowed. Accessories should be no taller than the height of the handlebars and cannot block the driver's vision or obstruct the headlights and turn signals.

2. Availability

Jefferson Transit cannot guarantee space to transport your bicycle at any time. Bike racks are on a first come, first served basis.

3. Bicycles and Other Recreational Equipment Inside Buses

A maximum of two bikes may be allowed on board, if space allows and safety permits. The following rules apply:

- a) Seating for passengers will always take priority over space for bikes and other recreational equipment.
- b) Bikes must be properly secured in the wheelchair securement station using a minimum of two securement devices. Once secured, the bike owner should find a seat near the bike.
- c) The driver will be responsible for the securement of the bike.
- d) If a rider in a wheelchair is occupying the securement station, the bike will not be allowed on board.
- e) If either the wheelchair securement station or seating in the securement area is needed by a rider mid-journey, the bike will need to be removed. If there is no room to move the bike to a rack, the rider must get off the bus with their bike.
- f) Bikes or equipment will not be allowed to protrude into the aisle way.
- g) Bikes already secured inside the bus may remain inside even if space becomes available on the exterior bike rack.
- h) Muddy or greasy bikes or equipment are not permitted on the bus.
- i) Other recreational equipment such as a small foldable electric razor scooter and hoverboards must be compact and able to fit underneath the seat.
- j) Gas powered, tandem, recumbent three wheeled, and oversized bikes are not permitted.