



# Transit Passenger Code of Conduct

**These rules are in place for the safety and awareness of all passengers that use the PIA transit bus to create a fair and safe environment for all passengers.**

1. The transportation of animals is prohibited, except in a secure container or carrier, or a service animal on a short, secure leash. If animal is disruptive, the animal will not be allowed back.
2. Wearing roller skates, in-line skates, or using skateboards is prohibited. Carrying sporting equipment aboard is allowed.
3. Eating is prohibited. Drinking from a container with a secured lid designed to prevent spillage is allowed.
4. Alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed or transported on the transit bus.
5. Objects that block the aisle or stairway or that occupy a seat are prohibited, except at driver's discretion. Strollers must be folded prior to boarding.
6. Storing personal property on the transit bus is prohibited. PIA is not responsible for stolen or damaged items.
7. Extending anything out windows or doors of moving bus is strictly prohibited.
8. Hanging and swinging off bars or stanchions is prohibited.
9. Attaching oneself to the exterior of the bus is prohibited and may be cause to initiate legal action.
10. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the transit vehicle and within 20' of the bus when parked.
11. Littering is prohibited on the transit vehicle.
12. Use of sound producing equipment without headphones is prohibited.  
Examples of these devices include but is not limited to: iPods, radios, cell phones.
13. Spitting, defecating or creating unsanitary condition by discharge of blood, urine, feces, vomit or other bodily fluids is prohibited.
14. Carrying of weapons, explosives, flammable, caustic or other harmful materials is strictly prohibited.
15. Interfering with the provision of safe transportation services is prohibited.
16. Loud or unruly behavior and unwelcome physical or verbal contact with passengers or driver is strictly prohibited.
17. Defacing, destroying, or vandalizing transit property including any signage, notices, or advertisements is prohibited.

18. Entering non-public areas within the transit vehicle is prohibited.
19. Throwing objects on any person or in the transit vehicle is prohibited.
20. Failure to pay appropriate fees will result in disqualification from riding the transit bus.
21. Misrepresenting oneself as eligible for services is prohibited and can lead to legal actions and possible loss of privileges to ride the transit bus.
22. Failure to follow direction from the bus driver or other authorized transit personnel may lead to suspension of privileges to ride for the day.
23. Bringing items onto transit property that emanate an odor which unreasonably disturbs others or interferes with their use of the transit system is prohibited and will not be allowed to remain on the bus-- whether odor arises from one's body, clothes, food, accompanying animal or any other source.

### **Penalties**

1. In addition to the above described conduct, criminal conduct including but not limited to assault, disorderly conduct, or illegal drug use, is prohibited on all transit properties. The Petersburg Borough Police Department will be contacted if such conduct is observed by transit personnel.
2. In addition to possible civil and criminal penalties, violators of the code of conduct and any other applicable laws may be subject to immediate denial of service and suspension of privilege to enter or use the transit bus.
3. Immediate denial of service may be enforced by a Petersburg Borough Police officer or authorized transit personnel, including drivers. Failure to comply with denial of service shall be grounds for criminal trespass prosecution.
4. In addition to immediate suspension for one day, long-term suspension of privileges to enter or use the transit bus may be initiated by the transportation director or Tribal Administrator. A written notice will issue stating the cause and duration of the suspension and the process for requesting review. Suspension shall be in effect upon receipt of the notice and shall remain in effect during any review process or until further notified.
5. Within 10 business days after receiving notice of suspension of privileges to use the transit bus, a person receiving such notice ('respondent') may deliver a written request for review of the reason(s) for the suspension to the Transportation Director or Tribal Administrator. Within 10 business days after receiving a request for review, the Tribal Administrator shall hold a telephonic or in-person hearing, at which time the respondent will have the opportunity to present reasons for reconsideration of the suspension. The Tribal Administrator shall make a decision within 10 business days following the hearing and notify the respondent in writing of the decision.