

# USC BUSES

# RULES OF RIDERSHIP

## ANIMALS

**Animals are not permitted in USC Buses, unless one of the following applies:**

1. The animal is in a secure carrier;
2. The animal is a certified police or security animal and is accompanied by a peace officer;
3. The animal is a service animal, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and is accompanied by a patron. A USC Transit representative may ask whether an animal is a pet and what service the animal performs for the handler.

## BICYCLES

**A person who wants to ride on a USC Bus with a bicycle will:**

1. Use available bicycle racks.
2. If racks on a bus are full, wait for the next bus.
3. Inform the bus operator before exiting that you will be removing a bicycle from a rack in front of the bus.

## BOARDING, EXITING, SEATING, and GENERAL COURTESY

**Please do not:**

1. Block or impede the free movement of another person.
2. Block an aisle, door, or stairwell with one's body or an object, in a way that poses a danger, unreasonably impedes a patron's movement, or displaces a person.
3. Prevent a door from closing.
4. Recline on, place objects on, or block a seat.
5. Interfere with the operator or operation of a USC Transit vehicle in a manner that affects the operator's control of the vehicle.
6. Impede the safe boarding or exiting of passengers.
7. Signal the driver by standing in the path of or by touching a moving bus.
8. Please do not distract the bus operator while he is operating the bus. (i.e. talking loudly on cell phone, unnecessary conversation with driver)

**Please do:**

1. Yield priority, reserved, wheelchair, or similarly designated seating to senior citizens and passengers with disabilities.
2. Be courteous to your bus operator and to other passengers.
3. Provide USC Identification if requested.
4. Cover your cough.
5. Wait at designated USC Bus stops. Bus operators will not stop at undesignated locations.

## FOOD, DRUGS and ALCOHOL

**Please do not:**

1. Eat, drink, smoke, vape, or carry a lit cigar, cigarette of any type, or pipe on a USC Bus.
2. Drop food, packing or other materials inside the vehicle as this creates a safety hazard.
3. Board the bus with disposable food or drink containers, including disposable coffee cups. Food or drink items must be in sealed, spill proof, non-disposable containers.
4. Smoke or vape within 20 feet of any USC Transit vehicle entrance, exit or operable window.

## CARTS, DOLLIES, STROLLERS, and WHEELCHAIRS

1. Commercial or large size carts, dollies and strollers are prohibited on USC Bus vehicles, unless collapsed. If a small personal use size stroller is occupied by a child or small cart is filled, then it must be securely held and not block passageways or seats.
2. Carts, dollies, strollers and large luggage that create an unsafe condition are prohibited.
3. During crowded conditions or peak hours, remove children from strollers and materials from carts, and collapse, or wait for the next USC Transit vehicle that has room for the cart or stroller.
4. This provision does not apply to Wheelchairs or other Mobility Aid Devices.
5. All Wheelchairs and Mobility Aid Devices are required to be secured at 4 separate points with approved straps. Straps may be waived if the wheelchair can be folded and passenger can sit in bus seats without support.

