



RESOLUTION NO. R2010-07

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting an Expulsion and Suspension Policy.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under RCW Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district on November 5, 1996 and November 8, 2008, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is committed to providing customers a safe environment at transit facilities and on board transit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, by Motion No. M2008-57, approved June 12, 2008, the Sound Transit Board adopted an agreement with King County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement services through a Transit Police force; and

WHEREAS, RCW 9.91.025 establishes unlawful conduct on transit vehicles and in transit facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Expulsion and Suspension Policy (Attachment A) is adopted; Sound Transit Police are authorized to issue expulsions and suspensions to persons in violation of RCW 9.91.025, or any other federal, state or local law committed on Sound Transit vehicles or facilities; expulsions and suspensions can be conducted using policies and procedures of Sound Transit's operating partners; expulsions and suspensions issued by Sound Transit's operating partners are honored by Sound Transit; the chief executive officer is authorized to develop procedures and take necessary action to implement the Expulsion and Suspension Policy, share records and data of expulsions and suspensions with Sound Transit's operating partners, establish a Suspension Panel with the authority to review and issue suspensions, and appoint

**SOUND TRANSIT
RESOLUTION NO. R2010-07 - Attachment A**

EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION POLICY

Sound Transit's mission is to plan, build, and operate regional transit systems and services to improve mobility for central Puget Sound. Sound Transit is committed to providing customers a safe environment at transit facilities and on board transit vehicles. Sound Transit police officers, fare enforcement officers, contracted security staff, and transit operators promote safety system-wide.

In addition to criminal and civil penalties applicable under federal, state, and local law, in order to maintain a safe, secure, and orderly system, a person using the Sound Transit system who commits a transit violation may be subject to immediate expulsion from transit properties and/or suspension of the privilege of using Sound Transit facilities.

1. Definitions

- A. Sound Transit Facility – A vehicle or facility owned or operated by Sound Transit.
- B. Expulsion – An order, given orally or in writing, to leave and/or refrain from using a Sound Transit facility.
- C. Suspension – The loss of a person's privilege to use a Sound Transit facility for a specified period of time.
- D. Transit Violation – An act that violates RCW 9.91.025, RCW 81.112, or any other federal, state, or local law, when that act is committed in, on or in relation to a Sound Transit facility.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Sound Transit that:

- A. Sound Transit Police are authorized to conduct expulsions and suspensions from Sound Transit facilities under procedures established by Sound Transit;
- B. Expulsions and Suspensions may be conducted using policies and procedures established by Sound Transit's operating partners;
- C. Expulsions and suspensions from Sound Transit's operating partners are honored by Sound Transit;
- D. Expulsions and suspensions are not stand alone law enforcement tools and must be used in conjunction with official enforcement action, and;
- E. Sound Transit will coordinate the implementation of this policy with its operating partners.

3. Delegation of Authority

The chief executive officer is authorized to:

- A. Develop procedures and take necessary action to implement the Expulsion and Suspension Policy;
- B. Share records and data of expulsions and suspensions with Sound Transit's operating partners;
- C. Establish a Suspension Panel with the authority to review and issue suspensions; and
- D. Appoint Suspension Panel members.

Suspension Panel members; and persons who have been suspended from Sound Transit facilities have a right to appeal or review their suspension.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on May 27, 2010.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator