

ORDINANCE NO. 6631 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 32-62 THROUGH 32-65 OF CHAPTER 32 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, RELATIVE TO OFFENSES ON SPORTRAN BUSES TRAVELING WITHIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CADDO PARISH, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan based on best practices that meet FTA guidelines; and

WHEREAS, updates were made to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan on September 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution 23 of 2026, adopting the updated Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, Article IV of Chapter 102 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances authorizes and regulates the operation of an intracity bus service known as "SporTran"; and

WHEREAS, in early 2026, the City of Shreveport modified its regulations regarding passenger conduct while using SporTran services; and

WHEREAS, SporTran has on-demand and fixed-route services that operate within unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the description of offenses committed while using SporTran services should remain consistent throughout Caddo Parish, both in incorporated municipalities and the unincorporated areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened that, Sections 32-62, 32-63, 32-64, and 32-65 of Chapter 32 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS of the Code of Ordinances, be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 32-62. – Disorderly conduct by SporTran passengers prohibited; penalties.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to create a disturbance or conduct himself in a disorderly manner while a passenger on any SporTran vehicle within the parish.
- B. Within the meaning of this section, disorderly conduct shall mean:
 - (1) Place an item that blocks the aisle or the areas of the transit vehicle reserved for passengers in wheelchairs or who use mobility aids.
 - (2) Possess an open container of or consume an alcoholic beverage in a transit vehicle or on transit property.
 - (3) Carry any flammable or explosive substance, or hazardous materials, onto or aboard a transit vehicle or transit property.
 - (4) Hang onto or attach his or her body to any exterior part of a transit vehicle or touch a moving transit vehicle in any manner.
 - (5) Throw an object at or from any transit vehicle or at any person or thing on or in any transit vehicle, or at or from transit property.
 - (6) Travel in any mode, including pedestrian, bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, motorized skateboard, motorized play vehicle,

- equestrian, roller skate, rollerblade, on or across any guideway, except within a marked crosswalk at a signalized intersection.
- (7) Travel on or across a platform via bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, motorized skateboard, motorized play vehicle, skateboard, roller blade, motorized vehicle, or equipment. This subsection shall not apply to wheelchairs or other equipment used to assist a person with a disability.
 - (8) Interfere with the operation of a transit vehicle, transit facility, or electronic technology equipment.
 - (9) Interfere with the embarking or disembarking of any passenger on a transit vehicle or entering or leaving transit property.
 - (10) Use any verbally threatening language to instigate a fight with another passenger or operator.
 - (11) Use tobacco products, vapes, or carry any lighted or smoldering substance, in any form, aboard a transit vehicle or within any space where posted signage prohibits smoking.
 - (12) Operate a sound-emitting device, unless the only sound produced by such item is emitted by a personal listening attachment (earphone or headphone) audible only to the person carrying the device producing the sound; this provision shall not apply to a peace officer, firefighter, transit employee, or emergency response professional in the course of employment.
 - (13) Light a flashlight, scope light, laser light, or object that projects a flashing light or beams of light while inside a transit vehicle or towards a transit vehicle, except in an emergency.
 - (14) Place his or her feet on, or lie down on, the seat of a transit vehicle, or place any article on the seat which would leave grease, oil, paint, dirt, or any other substance on the seat.
 - (15) Spit, defecate, urinate, or litter in or on a transit vehicle, transit property, or transit facility.
 - (16) Light or detonate sparklers, firecrackers, or other types of pyrotechnic devices in or on a transit vehicle, transit property, or transit facility.
 - (17) Injure, mutilate, deface, alter, change, displace, remove, or destroy any sign, notice, or advertisement on or in any transit vehicle or transit property.
 - (18) Disobey the instructions of any traffic signal, security notice, sign, or marker unless otherwise directed by a fare inspector, peace officer, or authorized transit representative.
 - (19) Recklessly damage, deface, mutilate, or tamper with transit property so as to impair its function or value.
 - (20) Post signs or notices, or draw or inscribe a message, slogan, sign, mark, or symbol on transit property without written permission from applicable transit entities.

C. Any violation of a provision of this section shall be a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both.

D. The prosecution or enforcement of any violation of this Section shall not preclude, bar, or otherwise limit the prosecution of the same conduct under any other applicable provision of federal law, state law, or local ordinance.

Sec. 32-63. – Animals prohibited; exceptions.

A. No person shall transport animals in a SporTran vehicle unless:

- (1) The animal is a guide or service animal, including a service animal in training, that has been specially trained to assist people with disabilities and is on a leash; or

(2) The animal is in a completely enclosed and secured cage or carrying case, and the animal does not otherwise endanger or disturb the health of other passengers.

B. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.

Sec. 32-64– Regulation of firearms on SporTran Vehicles

A. Possession of a firearm is permitted on SporTran vehicles and SporTran property, provided the person is otherwise legally permitted to possess a firearm under applicable federal or state law.

B. A passenger may be ordered to leave a SporTran vehicle or SporTran property if the person is carrying a firearm in violation of any applicable federal or state law, including but not limited to La. R.S. 40:1382, La. R.S. 14:95, or La. R.S. 14:37.

Sec. 32-65. – Regulation of parking and boarding at SporTran Facilities

A. A person shall not park a vehicle in the area designated for vehicle parking unless the person complies with posted parking regulations;

B. When picking up or dropping off a SporTran passenger, a person must park in the area designated for vehicle parking, or briefly stop his or her vehicle in areas designated for passenger loading or unloading while remaining with the vehicle, and then remove the vehicle from the station without delay after the transit passenger is dropped off or picked up.

C. No person may stop or park a vehicle at a SporTran parking facility so as to block access to a marked pedestrian walkway, designated traffic lane, parking space, fire lane, or boarding zone.

D. No vehicle shall enter, park upon, or otherwise use any officially designated SporTran lanes, SporTran pull-offs, SporTran hubs, or the Intermodal Terminal except as expressly permitted by ordinance, SporTran rules, or authorized SporTran operations.

E. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$125 and not exceeding \$500.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date

