



Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority

Service Animal Policy

Title III of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12181-12183, provides people with disabilities the right to equal access to public accommodations. Title III of the ADA regulations, 28 C.F.R. Part 36.104, define service animals as follows:

Service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition.

The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

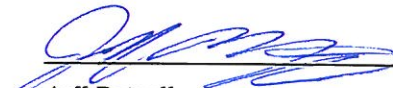
Under the ADA, places of public accommodation must allow individuals with disabilities to bring their service animals. A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation and vehicles used for specified public transportation are categorized as places of public accommodation.

In order to comply with 42 U.S.C. 12181-12183, Wave Transit hereby adopts a policy allowing individuals with service animals, as defined above, access to all of its facilities and vehicles. Service animals; however, are not permitted on any furniture, tables, chairs and counters, within Wave Transit facilities and are not permitted on the seats in Wave Transit vehicles. If utilizing public transportation, service animals must ride on the floor or the owner's lap if safety of the animal is a concern.

The information contained in this policy was derived in part from the United States Code (USC) of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 28 Part 36 and United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 42 Chapter 126 subchapters 12181, 12182, and 12183. Additional information concerning the basis for this resolution is available upon request.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING:

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