



## **City of Phoenix**

### **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX DECLARATION OF PASSENGER CAPACITY GUIDELINES FOR CITY OF PHOENIX BUSES**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued “Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread,” which includes guidance to avoid: (1) social gatherings of more than 10 people and (2) indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate; the CDC also recommends “social distancing” by staying at least six feet away from other people; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order (EO 2020-09) implementing emergency measures across the state to limit business operations and slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the City Council declared a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order (EO 2020-12) declaring that public transportation is an essential governmental operation to assist others in fulfilling their essential functions for promoting public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order (EO 2020-18) directing people to limit their use of public transportation to essential activities/functions that are absolutely necessary and to maintain (to the extent possible) the recommended physical distancing of at least six feet from others when using public transportation;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** BE IT DECLARED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as follows:

**SECTION 1.** To encourage social distancing and put into effect the CDC guidance, the Public Transit Department will implement the following passenger capacity guidelines, beginning April 13, 2020, for different transit vehicle types across the City's public transportation system:


- a. For each smaller bus circulator, a limit of 5 passengers;
- b. For each 40-foot bus, a limit of 10 passengers; and
- c. For each 60-foot bus, a limit of 15 passengers.

**SECTION 2.** The Public Transit Department's contracted service providers may exceed these passenger capacity guidelines as needed for those with wheelchairs, mobility aids, and other special needs/circumstances at the discretion of each bus operator. To reduce conflicts with riders, bus operators will not be required to strictly enforce these guidelines.

**SECTION 3.** The Public Transit Department will closely monitor the impacts of these passenger capacity guidelines on riders.

**SECTION 4.** The City Manager and Public Transit Director will have the authority to continue to restrict access to city buses as needed to maintain appropriate social distancing space of at least six feet between occupants, and to apply other restrictions to the extent required by the local emergency.

**PASSED** by the Council of the City of Phoenix this 6th day of April 2020.

  
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Mayor of the City of Phoenix

ATTEST:


  
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City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

 City Manager