

WSTA Expressive Activity Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the time, place and manner of expressive activity at the Clark Campbell Transportation Center (hereinafter “Transportation Center”). The purpose of the Transportation Center is first and foremost to provide the general public with access to Winston-Salem Transit Authority vehicles and services. Safe and efficient movement of public transit vehicles and the patrons accessing those vehicles is paramount to the successful operation of the Transportation Center and meeting the public’s expectation of safe, efficient, and timely public transportation. While the Transportation Center is open and accessible to the public, it is not intended or designated as a public forum. However, to the extent that selected areas of the Transportation Center property can reasonably accommodate expressive activity during normal business hours without disruption to its primary purpose, such expressive activity will be allowed subject to the time, place, and manner restrictions outlined in this policy.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy the following definitions shall apply.

1. Clark Campbell Transportation Center shall mean the downtown transit center located at 100 W. Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. This includes the interior first floor of the building where the general public may access vending machines and transit related services, the exterior area directly in front of the building where the general public may access public transit vehicles, and the exterior area directly behind the building where the general public may park or wait to be picked up by a taxi, ride share, or private vehicle.
2. Expressive Activity shall mean the posting or distributing of flyers, pamphlets, brochures, literature, books, or any other written material, collecting petition signatures, political campaigning, demonstrating, displaying signs, picketing, playing of musical instruments or other performances, public speeches conducting surveys, soliciting or receiving of funds or contributions of any kind for any purpose, or otherwise communicating or attempting to communicate with the general public.
3. General Public shall mean any person or group of persons.
4. Person shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, organization, association, or other entity.
5. Public Transportation Services shall mean fixed route, paratransit, and vanpool, services whether operated by the Winston-Salem Transit Authority or any governmental agency, firm or corporation contracting with the Winston-Salem Transit Authority.

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Regulation of Expressive Activities

Expressive activities as defined by this policy that are not otherwise prohibited by the Winston-Salem Transit Authority Code of Conduct are permitted subject to the following time, place and manner restrictions:

1. Posting, affixing, or displaying flyers, brochures, pamphlets, leaflets or other written or graphic material is prohibited in any area of the Transportation Center except for on any bulletin board or kiosk specifically designated for such use.
2. Selling or offering for sale or donation books, pamphlets, or any other written, graphic or printed material is prohibited.
3. Soliciting funds for any purpose is prohibited.
4. Expressive Activities as defined by this policy are prohibited in any area of the Transportation Center that is not specifically designated for such use.
5. Expressive Activities as defined by this policy shall not block or otherwise impede the free flow of traffic to any Transportation Center entrance, exit, sidewalk, parking space, fire safety system, telephone, or information board.
6. No person shall engage in expressive activity as defined by this policy and otherwise permitted herein without following the procedure adopted by the WSTA Board of Directors.

Expressive Activity Requests

No person shall engage in any expressive activity at the Clark Campbell Transportation Center without first obtaining permission to do so from WSTA in accordance with this policy. Any person that desires to engage in expressive activity at the Transportation Center must contact the WSTA Marketing Director to submit an application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Within seven business days after receipt of a completed application a WSTA staff member will review the application. If the requested date, time and location are available, the WSTA Staff member shall approve the request in accordance with this policy.

Expressive Activity is limited to the designated areas of the Transportation Center and failure to adhere to this requirement may result in the cancellation of the expressive activity event. At no time will WSTA staff or its contracted security allow expressive activity to pose a safety or security risk to others, impede the free flow of foot or vehicular traffic, disrupt the orderly and efficient use of the Transportation Center or its patrons, or otherwise interfere with WSTA (or its contracted transit providers) public transportation services, operations, or economic activities. Multiple violations of this policy may result in the denial of future expressive activity requests.