Ordinance to prohibit the use of ecigarettes on buses and further restrict smoking in the Downtown Bus Terminal

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Proposal

To clarify current smoking prohibitions to include the Downtown Bus Terminal passenger boarding area and add a prohibition on they use of e-cigarettes in buses, other transit vehicles and the same areas in the

Terminal





Proposal

Smoking

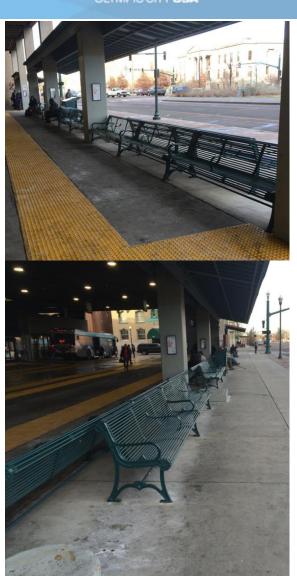


- Current: prohibited in buses and inside Downtown Terminal lobby
- Proposal: clarify to also prohibit in the passenger boarding area (sidewalks excluded)



Proposal

- E-cigarettes
 - Current: no restrictions
 - Proposal: prohibit ecigarette use in buses,
 Downtown Terminal lobby and passenger boarding area (sidewalks excluded)





Why?

Smoking



- Secondhand cigarette smoke is harmful
- Passenger waiting area is enclosed on two sides and ceiling
- Smoke lingers and is unavoidable to others



Why?

- E-cigarette use/vaping
 - Surgeon General issued report that secondhand vapor can contain harmful chemicals
 - Buses are confined space
 - Annoying to some other riders



Why?

E-cigarette use/vaping

- "Contrary to the belief by many, the aerosol that's produced by e-cigarettes is not harmless water vapor for either the user or those who inhale it secondhand. It often contains nicotine and other chemical compounds which can have harmful effects on the user, as well as those who inhale it secondhand" Surgeon General, December 8, 2016
- Among the Report's recommended actions is to incorporate e-cigarettes into smoke-free places.



Next Steps

- If approved:
 - Public awareness campaign
 - Enforcement on buses by drivers and at the DT Terminal by supervisors, drivers and security guard



