

Ordinance No. 2017- 2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT TO REQUIRE PERSONS INSIDE THE PAID AREA OF BART TO PROVIDE PROOF OF PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District has a substantial interest in collecting fares from riders utilizing BART as a means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, fare evasion constitutes a significant annual financial loss to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District; and

WHEREAS, payment is collected from riders as they exit the system; and

WHEREAS, once inside there is currently no means to determine if riders have lawfully entered the transit system; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code Section 28793 authorizes the Board to pass ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code Section 28793 authorizes the Board to do any and all things necessary to carry out the purposes of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the adoption of this ordinance is necessary to maintain the financial stability of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: (Public Utilities Code Section 29795)

SECTION I. Ordinance No. 2017-2 of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District is hereby adopted and made a law of the District as follows:

Section 1. Findings and declaration.

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Board of Directors finds :

The annual loss of revenue due to evasion of the payment of a fare while riding BART justifies the adoption of reasonable regulations to ensure compliance with fare payment requirements. It is the intention of this ordinance to reduce fare evasion and the revenue loss due to fare evasion, which causes a financial burden to the District that otherwise must be addressed through other revenue sources. If voluntary fare compliance fails, this ordinance authorizes BART Police to act to fulfill this ordinance's objectives.

Adopted: October 26, 2017

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used within this ordinance and this chapter, shall be construed as defined in this section:

Exit coded: The term "exit coded" means a ticket programmed with sufficient value for the minimum BART fare and which has been used in a BART fare gate to enter the BART system. Exit coded tickets remain valid for a limited period of time as designated by the BART fare schedule.

Fare: The term "fare" as used herein means the current passenger fare structure as approved by the Board of Directors.

Ticket: The term "ticket" as used herein is intended to include Clipper Cards, BART magnetic stripe tickets, BART-issued voucher or pass, or other fare media as otherwise authorized by BART.

Paid Area: The demarcated areas within the BART system accessible only to people with a valid ticket (or other approved fare media) processed for entry via a fare gate or by a station agent. The "paid area" includes; the area of the station concourse enclosed by barrier walls and fare gates, any concourse to platform elevators which access train platforms, the train platforms, and train cars.

Proof of Payment: The term "proof of payment" means the valid ticket medium that may be requested from any individual upon entry to, or anywhere within the paid area.

Section 3. Prohibition on being in the paid area or on a train without a valid exit-coded ticket.

No individual may enter into or exit from the paid area of a BART Station other than through the use of a BART ticket at the fare gates.

- (a) Individuals in the paid area of the station or on a BART train are required to present a valid exit-coded BART ticket when requested by the District. Individuals who fail to present proof of payment shall be in violation of this ordinance. This violation is an infraction.
- (b) Any person who knowingly gives false information to a peace officer or District employee engaged in proof of payment inspections, and/or any person who otherwise obstructs the issuance of a proof of payment citation, shall be in violation of this ordinance. This violation is an infraction.

Section 4. Preemption.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted or applied so as to create any power, duty, or obligation in conflict with, or preempted by, any Federal or State law. Even if not preempted by Federal or State law, the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply if the Federal or State