

R-2016-029

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CITY COUNCIL**

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard J. Berry, Mayor

FROM: Jon K. Zaman, Director of Council Services

Jon 4/25/16

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. R-16-30 Establishing The ABQ Ride Companion Animal Pilot Project, A Six Month Pilot Project Allowing Certain Companion Animals On ABQ Ride Public Transit (Jones), which was passed at the Council meeting of April 18, 2016, by a vote of 7 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Excused: Harris, Winter

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, your action is respectfully requested.

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-16-30

ENACTMENT NO. R-2016-029

SPONSORED BY: Trudy E. Jones

1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING THE ABQ RIDE COMPANION ANIMAL PILOT PROJECT, A SIX
3 MONTH PILOT PROJECT ALLOWING CERTAIN COMPANION ANIMALS ON
4 ABQ RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT.

5 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque recognizes that companion animals
6 bring comfort, companionship and protection for the vulnerable regardless of
7 their owners' income or social status; and

8 WHEREAS, those who have limited income and are most in need of
9 affordable transportation may be unable to get their companion pets to their
10 veterinary appointments; and

11 WHEREAS, allowing for low-income individuals to travel with their
12 companion animals on public transit supports self-sufficiency and helps those
13 pet owners to get to their necessary appointments; and

14 WHEREAS, the designation of a pet friendly city which includes public
15 transportation with a pet encourages tourism and benefits the local economy.
16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
17 ALBUQUERQUE:

18 Section 1. The City of Albuquerque hereby establishes the ABQ Ride
19 Companion Animal Pilot Project to allow pet dog or pet cat companion
20 animals to ride ABQ Ride fixed-route public transit and paratransit with an
21 adult passenger during off-peak hours subject to the following restrictions:

22 • Permitted Animals. Only domesticated pet cats or dogs are
23 permitted, and only one animal is permitted per adult rider;

24 • Hours. Companion animals are permitted at any time on Saturday
25 and Sunday, and Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or

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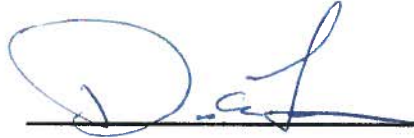
- 1 after 6:30 p.m. Drivers or transit staff may refuse admission to a companion
2 animal if there is insufficient space on the bus due to heavy ridership;
- 3 • Fares. Riders shall not be charged an additional fare for their
4 companion animal;
 - 5 • Locations & Security. Companion animals are not permitted on
6 passenger seats and may ride only on the lap of a passenger, under their seat,
7 or at their feet in a location that does not impede walkways or exits. Dogs
8 must be in a closed crate, or if not in a crate then leashed and muzzled at all
9 times. Cats must be in a closed crate at all times. Crates must be of a size
10 that can reasonably accommodate the animal and that can be carried by the
11 passenger without assistance;
 - 12 • Behavior. Companion animals must be under the control of the
13 passenger at all times so as to not annoy, threaten, or inconvenience other
14 passengers or companion animals. Drivers or transit staff may refuse
15 admission to a companion animal, or eject any passenger and their
16 companion animal if the companion animal is not clean, appears or becomes
17 vicious, or acts or appears likely to annoy, threaten or inconvenience other
18 passengers or companion animals;
 - 19 • Cleanup. Passengers shall clean up after their companion animals.
 - 20 • Penalty. Non-compliance with any of these restrictions and
21 limitations may result in suspension of the passenger and/or companion
22 animal from ABQ Ride service.
 - 23 • Exclusion. Nothing herein is intended to limit or otherwise restrict
24 “service animals” as defined by the Federal Transit Administration, U.S.
25 Department of Transportation.

26 Section 2. The project shall begin July 1, 2016 with an anticipated
27 completion date of December 31, 2016.

28 Section 3. Upon completion of the project, the City of Albuquerque
29 Transit Department will request input from riders and interested parties to
30 determine if the project is beneficial to the community and whether there is
31 justification for its continuation.

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF April, 2016
2 BY A VOTE OF: 7 FOR 0 AGAINST.

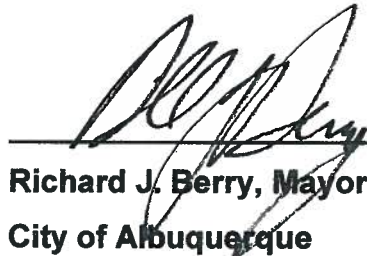
5 Excused: Harris, Winter

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9 Dan Lewis, President
10 City Council

12 APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF May, 2016

16 Bill No. R-16-30

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20 Richard J. Berry, Mayor
21 City of Albuquerque

24 ATTEST:

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27 Natalie Y. Howard, City Clerk