

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 10

SOLICITATION AT AUTHORITY FACILITIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2010 (Adopted by the Governing Board at this Governing Board meeting.)

SCOPE:

This Administrative Rule applies to certain activities at the Authority's facilities, including activities at LYNX Central Station. This Administrative Rule establishes guidelines and procedures to be followed by the Authority, the Governing Board, and Authority Staff in regard to such activities.

AUTHORITY:

Authority for the establishment of this Administrative Rule is as follows:

Part II, Chapter 343, Florida Statutes

RULE 10: Prohibition on Certain Activities at Authority Facilities

10.1 **Definitions.** In addition to those terms defined in Rule 1 of these Administrative Rules, the following terms shall have the following meanings for purposes of this Rule:

10.1.1 **"Contiguous Area"** means, with respect to a particular Facility, the area of land which is owned or operated by the Authority and which surrounds or abuts the Facility. With respect to the LYNX Central Station, the Contiguous Area includes the support vehicle parking area, the courtyard, as well as the leased property adjacent the Central Station at the intersection of Amelia and Garland.

10.1.2 **"Facility"** means any facility owned or operated by the Authority for the purpose of providing mass transit services to the public, and includes facilities where passengers board and exit vehicles, facilities where vehicles are maintained and refueled, and facilities where administrative services are performed. The term "Facility" includes the LYNX Central Station, the LYNX Operating Center Facility, located at 2500 LYNX Lane, Orlando, Florida 32804, the LYNX South Street Facility, located at 1200 W. South Street, Orland, Florida 32805, and all the Contiguous Areas to any Facility.

10.1.3 **"LYNX Central Station"** means the Authority's Central Station building, located at 455 North Garland Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, and which includes, but is not limited to, the interior of the Central Station building,

the curtilage and exterior canopied areas used for arriving and departing buses, the outdoor passenger waiting areas, and the Contiguous Areas.

10.2 **Policy and Prohibited Activities.** The principal purpose of the Authority's Facilities is to facilitate safe and efficient travel. The Authority has no intent to designate its Facilities, including the LYNX Central Station, as a place for expressive conduct. Given the relatively small size of the LYNX Central Station building, the narrowness of its bus lanes, and the limited outside areas in which passengers can congregate, its physical characteristics are not conducive to expressive activity or solicitation of passengers. To this end, and to improve safety and prevent passenger and employee interference with solicitors, the impeding of passenger foot traffic, and delays, the Authority has adopted the following prohibitions on certain activities at its Facilities, including the LYNX Central Station.

10.2.1 **Prohibited Activities.** The following activities are prohibited at the Authority's Facilities (which by definition and for clarification, would include the LYNX Central Station, and the Contiguous Areas around such Station):

A. **Political Activities.**

- (i) The distribution of petitions, leaflets, buttons, stickers, handbills, and other printed materials;
- (ii) The registration of voters, collection of signatures for political petitions, referenda, and signature drives; and
- (iii) Protests, marches, and sit-ins.

B. **Solicitations:**

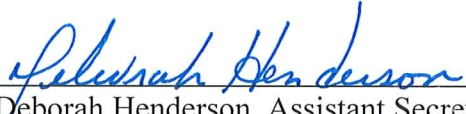
- (i) The sale or distribution of any merchandise;
- (ii) The sale or distribution of flyers, handbills, brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, books or other printed or written material; and
- (iii) The solicitation of funds.

10.2.2 **Exempt Activities.** The following activities are exempt from the prohibitions in **Subsection 10.2.1:**

- A. Events sponsored by the Authority which are for the benefit of the Authority's employees.

- B. Events sponsored by the Authority which constitute or are a part of an advertising campaign designed to promote the Authority, events sponsored by the Authority which are designed to raise revenue for the Authority or promote public awareness of the Authority's transportation offerings, or events sponsored by the Authority for the benefit of its ridership or the community in which the Authority operates (including, by way of illustration, "Fun Fridays").
- C. Charitable events conducted by federally tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations which are held at the LYNX Central Station in accordance with applicable Authority policies.
- D. Solicitations described in **Section 10.2.1(B)** by the Authority or its licensed vendors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Administrative Rule 10 was adopted by the Governing Board of the Authority at its duly called meeting on July 28, 2010.



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