

CHAPTER 3

CURFEW; MINORS

SECTION:

5-3-1: Declaration of Findings and Policy

5-3-2: Prohibited Acts; Exceptions

5-3-1: **DECLARATION OF FINDINGS AND POLICY:** The City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City and the citizens thereof to establish a uniform curfew policy because it:

- A. Provides a clear message about appropriate norms for youth in our community;
- B. Provides clear boundaries and supervision;
- C. Reduces Crime;
- D. Provides parents with an extra tool to keep children safe, as youths who are off the streets at night are less likely to be victims of crimes; and
- E. Provides police more resources through this written policy to fight crime in our community. (Ord. 97-OM005, 5-27-1997)

5-3-2: **PROHIBITED ACTS; EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Sunday Through Friday: It is unlawful for any minor under eighteen (18) years of age to remain or loiter in any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys or public places in the City between ten thirty o'clock (10:30) P.M. and five o'clock (5:00) A.M. immediately following, from Sunday evening through Friday morning.
- B. Friday Through Sunday: It is unlawful for any minor under eighteen (18) years of age to remain or loiter in any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys or public places in the City between twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and five o'clock (5:00) A.M. immediately following from Friday evening through Sunday morning.

- C. Parents' Responsibility: It is unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having legal care and custody of any minor under eighteen (18) years of age to allow such minor to remain or loiter in any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys or public places in the City, within the times provided in subsections A and B of this Section, except as provided in subsection D of this Section.
- D. Exceptions: The provisions of subsections A, B and C of this Section shall not apply where the minor under the age of eighteen (18) is:
1. Married;
 2. Accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult person having care of such minor;
 3. Returning home from, going to or being in attendance at any religious or school function, organized dance, theater, sports event or other such associational activity; provided however, that going to or from such activity shall be by a direct route and within a reasonable time of the commencement or termination of such event;
 4. Engaged in a legitimate emergency errand;
 5. Engaged in legitimate employment and can produce evidence of such employment; or
 6. In a motor vehicle engaged in normal travel, while traveling to, from or through the City on an interstate trip. (Ord. 97-OM005, 5-27-1997)