

AN ORDINANCE, PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF MINORS THE AGE OF SIXTEEN (16) AND UNDER, AND ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINORS THE AGE OF SIXTEEN (16) AND UNDER WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WOOD HEIGHTS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES TO BE ASSESSED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WOOD HEIGHTS, RAY COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:

It shall be unlawful for any minor 16 and under to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, drive, prowl, linger, peek in windows, run through yards or ride in a vehicle or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, or other public grounds, public places and public buildings, vacant lots, or other unsupervised places or private property without the owners' consent, between the hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

SECTION II:

This curfew ordinance will not apply to the aforementioned minors if they are in the custody of a parent or legal guardian, on an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his or her parent or legal guardian or other adult having control over said minor. This ordinance also will not apply to minors at the City Lake as long as they are there under the knowledge of their parents and/or legal guardians, and are fishing and/or congregating as long as a breach of the peace is not occasioned. This ordinance furthermore will not apply to licensed drivers or occupants of vehicles who at the age of 16 may operate a motor vehicle until 1 a.m. Under the 1 a.m. provision, the minor will not be allowed to operate a motor vehicle after 11 p.m. for the purpose of cruising. A minor found cruising will be advised to go home, and if subsequent contact is made, followed home and the parents and/or legal guardian contacted.

SECTION III:

It shall be unlawful for the parent, legal guardian or other adult having care, custody and control over said minor to permit such minor to violate the aforementioned provisions. Violation of said ordinance will constitute a city infraction.