

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 85-12, 2009

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A CURFEW FOR MINORS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, may adopt ordinances imposing a curfew for minors.

WHEREAS, it is a matter of public policy of this County that a curfew for minors is in the best interests of the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity of the residents of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) to be present upon any public street, alley, or other public or quasi-public place in the County between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless:
 - 1.1. Accompanied by a parent, guardian, employer or some other person of legal age having charge of the minor's lawful care, custody and control;
 - 1.2. Returning home by direct route from and within thirty (30) minutes after a school activity, an activity of religious or supervised voluntary association; or
 - 1.3. Is in a place or returning home from such place, connected with and required by some legitimate business, trade, profession or occupation in which the minor is permitted by law to be engaged.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) to be present upon any public street, alley, or other public or quasi-public place in the County:
 - 2.1. Between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday;
 - 2.2. After 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; and
 - 2.3. Before 5:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday;unless:
 - 2.4. Accompanied by a parent, guardian, employer or some other person of legal age having charge of the minor's lawful care, custody and control;
 - 2.5. Returning home by direct route from and within thirty (30) minutes after a school activity, an activity of religious or supervised voluntary association; or

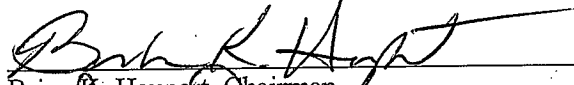
2.6. Is in a place or returning home from such place, connected with and required by some legitimate business, trade, profession or occupation in which the minor is permitted by law to be engaged.

3. For the purpose of this ordinance a quasi-public place shall be defined as an area in private ownership which is established for the convenience of the public as a member, invited guests or business visitors and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to parking lots, business establishments, shopping center areas, schools, and church grounds.

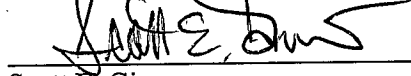
4. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) violating the provisions of this chapter shall be arrested by the County Sheriff's Department and turned over to the custody of the county juvenile officer or said person's parent or guardian to be dealt with according to the provisions of Indiana law.

5. Any parent, guardian or other adult having the care of a person under the age of eighteen (18) years or any keeper or proprietor of any public place or quasi-public place who shall permit violation of this ordinance, shall be guilty of a Class "C" infraction.

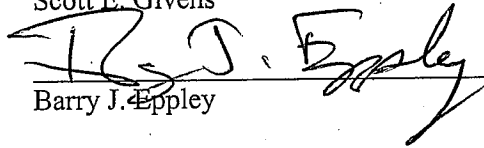
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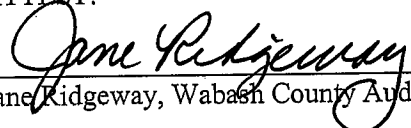


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