

## 9.7 LOITERING PROHIBITED

9.7.1 LOITERING OR PROWLING. No person shall loiter or prowl in a place at a time or in a manner not usual for law abiding individuals under circumstances that warrant alarm for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity. Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether such alarm is warranted is the fact that the person takes flight upon appearance of a police or peace officer, or manifestly endeavors to conceal himself or any object. Unless flight by the person or other circumstances makes it impracticable, a police or peace officer shall, prior to any arrest for an offense under this section, afford the person an opportunity to dispel any alarm which would otherwise be warranted by requesting him to explain his presence and conduct. No person shall be convicted of an offense under this subsection if the police or peace officer did not comply with the preceding sentence, or if it appears, at trial, that the explanation given by the person was true and, if believed by the police or peace officer at the time, would have dispelled the alarm.

9.7.2 OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY BY LOITERING. No person shall obstruct any street, bridge, sidewalk or crossing by lounging or loitering in or upon the same after being requested to move on by any police officer.

9.7.3 OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC BY LOITERING. No person shall loaf or loiter in groups or crowds upon the public streets, alleys, sidewalks, street crossings or bridges or in any other public place within the Village in such manner as to prevent, interfere with or obstruct the ordinary free use of such public sidewalks, streets, street crossings and bridges or other public places by persons passing along and over the same.

9.7.4 LOITERING AFTER BEING REQUESTED TO MOVE. No person shall loaf or loiter in groups or crowds upon the public streets, sidewalks or adjacent doorways or entrances, street crossings or bridges or in any other public place or on any private premises without invitation from the owner or occupant after being requested to move by any police officer or by any person in authority at such places.

9.7.5 LOITERING IN PUBLIC PLACES. No person shall loiter, lounge or loaf in or about any dance hall, restaurant, store, public sidewalk, public parking lot or other place of assembly or public use after being requested to move by the owner or person in charge or any police officer. Upon being requested

to move, a person shall immediately comply with such request by leaving the premises or area thereof at the time of the request.

#### 9.7.6 LOITERING IN OR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

(a) *Prohibited.* No person not in official attendance or on official school business shall enter into, congregate, loiter, wander or stand in or on any public or private school property within the Village between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on official school days. Any person who remains on school grounds after being asked to leave by the school principal, the principal's designee or a faculty member shall be presumed to be in violation of this subsection.

(b) *Exceptions.* The prohibition against loitering in this subsection shall not apply to students, school faculty and school staff personnel, or to those persons who are authorized to be on school grounds for legitimate reasons.

(c) *Definitions.* In this subsection, the terms used shall be defined as follows: 1. School Grounds. Any school building in the Village and those areas surrounding any school building, including parking lots, which are either owned by the school district or normally used for school related activities. 2. Legitimate Reasons. Such reasons as attendance at school related activities open to the public; school business; authorized meetings with school administrators, school faculty, students or school staff personnel; and any other valid reasons which justify the presence of someone on school grounds.