

CURFEW ORDINANCE

4-401 Regulations of Minors

No child who has not attained the age of 17 years shall be, or remain, upon the street, alley or lane or in any public place in the City of Calais in the nighttime after 10:15 PM unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or other person having legal custody of such minor, or unless the employment of such minor makes it necessary to be on the street, alley or lane or in such public place after said time. For the purposes of this ordinance "public place" shall be construed to mean all places which the public has access, including, but not necessarily restricted to, the following places: restaurants, stores, dance halls, poolrooms, bowling alleys, theaters, and other places of public amusement, and all other places open to the public.

4-102 Liability of Others

Unless a reasonable necessity exists therefore, no parent, guardian or other person having the legal custody of any minor who has not attained the age of 17 years shall allow or permit such minor while in legal custody, to be, or remain upon, such street, alley or lane or in such public place after the time stated in Section 4-101 above. All times referred to in this ordinance shall be in accordance with the legal time standard then in affect in said City of Calais.

4-103 Enforcement Procedure

In any case where a police officer observes a minor apparently under the age of 17 upon any street, alley or lane or in any public place in the City of Calais in the nighttime in apparent violation of the provisions of this ordinance, the officer is authorized to detain the minor temporarily for the purposes of ascertaining where he or she lives and the name of the parent or guardian. Where reasonably convenient, the officer may convey the minor to his or her place of residence and there to notify the parent or guardian of the violation. Where not convenient, or where it is impossible to convey the minor to his or her home and leave minor there in custody of a parent or guardian, because no one is at home, or for any other reason, the minor may be taken to the Police Station to be detained there until a parent or guardian can come to the Police Station and take custody of the minor. Such minors shall not be confined in a cell or cellblock use for the confinement of adult offenders but may be detained in other rooms at the Police Station while reasonably effort is made to notify a parent or guardian. Such detention does not constitute an arrest and no photographing, fingerprinting or other booking procedures shall be performed involving the minor, other than the normal entries made in the

Juvenile Detention Report, which report shall be considered confidential and for official use only, in accordance with Maine law.

4-104 Penalty

Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall commit a civil violation punishable by a penalty of not exceeding two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per incident plus attorney's fees and costs to be recovered by the City of Calais for its use. Each day such violation occurs or continues to occur shall constitute a separate violation. In lieu of penalty, parents/guardians or child may opt to do approved community service or City of Calais approved counseling services.

Adopted:

Amended: 8/15/24

Repealed: