

ORDINANCE NO. 543

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A CHILD'S DELINQUENT ACTIONS.

The City of Willamina ordains as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. . . As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.

"Delinquent acts" means those acts which violate the laws of the United States, or the statutes of the State of Oregon or the ordinances of the City of Willamina or those acts which would cause or tend to cause the minor to come under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Department of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for violation of a state law. This definition does not include traffic violations.

"Minor" means any person under the age of 18 years.

"Parent" means mother, father, legal guardian and any other person having the legal care or custody of minor or any person acting in the parents' place who has custody of the child.

"Illegal drugs" means controlled substances as defined by State of Oregon law which are obtained without legal prescription.

Section 2. Parental Duties. (a) It is the continuous duty of the parent of any minor to exercise reasonable care to prevent the minor from committing any delinquent acts.

(b) This parental duty includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Keeping illegal drugs out of the home;
- (2) Arranging proper supervision for the minor when the parent must be absent; and
- (3) Forbidding the minor from keeping stolen property or illegal drugs.

Section 3. Parental Responsibility. It shall be unlawful for any parent to knowingly allow, or allow due to the failure to exercise reasonable control, a minor to commit a delinquent act.

Section 4. Penalty. Any parent violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and be liable for a fine not to exceed the sum of \$250.00 for each violation.

Section 5. Emergency Clause. The council desires and deems it necessary for the preservation of the health, peace and dignity of the City of Willamina that the ordinance take effect at once;

and, therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed by the council November 30, 1989, and approved by the mayor November 30, 1989.

Francis C. Eddy  
Mayor

ATTEST:

L. Charlene Brown  
City Recorder