

## Curfew Enforcement

The curfew law has been modified after listening to the concerns of the residents. Please save this information

for future reference. The ordinance can also be found on file with the police department.

### 511.01 Minors Curfew

(A) DEFINITIONS: As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as set forth herein:

(1) "Business" means any privately owned or operated retail establishment, including service stations, restaurants and places of similar nature, and any place of amusement or entertainment to which the public is invited.

(2) "Drive or ride aimlessly" means to drive or ride in a motor vehicle or bicycle in a circuitous route or to joy ride.

(3) "Loiter" means to idle, loaf, linger, or wander or stroll aimlessly.

(4) "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.

(5) "Motor Vehicle" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Ohio Revised Code.

(6) "Operator" means any individual, firm, association, partnership or corporation operating, managing or conducting any business, and, as applied to associations or partnerships, includes the members or partners

thereof, and, as applied to corporations, includes the officers thereof.

(7) "Parent" means any natural parent, guardian or any adult *in loco parentis*, responsible for the care and custody of a minor.

(8) "Public place" means any public street, highway, road, alley, park, playground, public building, vacant lot or privately owned property permitted to be used by the public or any members thereof.

### (B) UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OF MINORS, HOURS EXCEPTIONS

(1) No minor under 18 years of age shall loiter in or upon any public place or business between the hours of **10:00 pm of any day and 6:00 am** of the following day.

(2) No minor under 18 years of age shall drive or ride aimlessly in a motor vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am of the following day.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- a. A minor accompanied by a parent;
- b. A minor proceeding directly home from the minor's legitimate employment or school activity
- c. A minor at a place of business or school for a legitimate purpose.
- d. A minor on an errand directed or approved by the parent; or
- e. A minor engaged in lawful employment.

### (C) UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OF PARENTS:

(1) No parent shall knowingly permit any minor in his or her charge to loiter in or upon any public place of business or to drive or ride aimlessly between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am of the following day.

### (D) UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OF OWNERS OR OPERATORS OF BUSINESSES:

(1) No operator of a business, or any agent or employee thereof, shall knowingly permit any minor under the age of 18 years to loiter in or upon their place of business between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am of the following day.

### 511.99 PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS:

(1) Violators of division B of this ordinance will be taken into custody and released to their parent or guardian on the night of the violation. For first time violators, a follow-up letter will be sent to the parent or guardian by the Chief of Police, detailing the curfew ordinance and subsequent penalties for additional violations. Additional violations may result in the minor being cited into Clark County Juvenile Court.

(2) Violators of division C of this ordinance shall be sent a letter from the Chief of Police, detailing the curfew ordinance and subsequent penalties for additional violations. Additional violations will result in the parent or guardian being cited into Court for violation of division C, a misdemeanor of the 4th degree.

(3) Violators of division D of this ordinance shall be sent a letter from the Chief of Police, detailing the curfew ordinance and subsequent penalties for additional violations. Additional violations will result in the Owner or Operator or agent or employee being cited into Court for violation of division D, a misdemeanor of the 4th degree.