

ORDINANCE NO. 263

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CURFEW HOURS, DEFINING TERMS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY, AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCEMENT, DEFINING OFFENSES AND AFFIXING PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 52 OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the Curfew Ordinance of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington.

SECTION 2. Prior Ordinance Repealed

Ordinance No. 52 of the Town of Granite Falls and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Curfew-Definitions

"Highway" includes any road, lane, dock, or any terminal or continuance of a roadway open to the public.

"Parent or guardian" includes only the actual parent of the minor or the legal guardian of the minor or a person over the age of twenty-one years who is a member of the immediate family of the minor.

"Public place" includes, but is not limited to, places of amusement, parks, playgrounds, dance halls, and similar premises open to the public.

"Streets" means any alley, thoroughfare, pathway, or other course of travel open to the public.

"Unoccupied premises or grounds" includes all areas and premises of the city except those premises designated as dwellings or places of residence and presently occupied by such residents.

Masculine gender as used in this chapter includes the feminine gender and singular includes the plural.

SECTION 4. Curfew-Hours Designated-Exception

It is unlawful for any person under the age of fifteen years to congregate, loiter, or be on the streets, highways, in public places, or upon unoccupied premises or grounds in the city between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless such person is accompanied by his parent or guardian or is sent by his parent or guardian on some urgent business errand which renders it necessary for him to be abroad after the hours herein mentioned, in which case such person shall personally have with him the written consent of his parent or guardian; provided, that nothing in this section shall be interpreted as prohibiting minors from traveling over or along public streets by direct route to and from work in the regular course of employment where such occupation and employment has been approved by authorities under procedure outlined by statute and such minor has in his possession evidence of such approval.

SECTION 5. Curfew-Loitering Unlawful

It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen years to congregate or loiter upon the streets, highways, in public places, or upon unoccupied premises or grounds in the city during the hours stated in Section 4.

SECTION 6. Curfew-Parent Responsibility

It is unlawful for any parent or guardian as defined in Section 3, willfully or negligently, to permit a minor under the age of eighteen years who is subject to his custody to violate any of the provisions hereof, nor shall any such parent or guardian aforesaid issue a written consent as provided in Section 4 except in cases of necessity.

SECTION 7. Curfew-Company of Person Not Parent or Guardian

It is unlawful for any person not the parent or guardian as defined in Section 3 to accompany, congregate, or loiter with any minor on any public street, public place, or upon unoccupied premises or grounds in the city except by and with the express consent of the parent or guardian.

SECTION 8. Curfew-Time Standard

The hours indicated in this chapter refer to the standard time prevailing in Snohomish County, Washington, from period to period, whether it be what is commonly accepted as Pacific

Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Savings Time.

SECTION 9. Curfew-Penalty for Violation-Exception

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00; provided, that any person under the age of eighteen years shall be dealt with according to the appropriate juvenile laws of the state.

SECTION 10. Saving Clause

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

SECTION 11. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

PASSED by the Council of the Town of Granite Falls this 11th day of September, 1974.

A. D. SPROMBERG, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:
ILENE LARSON
Town Clerk