

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting August

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ORDINANCE # 630

Presented by Councilman Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, that an Ordinance entitled,

"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PRESENCE OF MINORS IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

introduced on the 27th day of July, 1998, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish once, the title of the aforesaid Ordinance, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in the Sun Bulletin, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield

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Approved:

Stewart V. Veale
Stewart V. Veale, Mayor

Attest

Jeanine Sciglitano 005
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Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting July 13, 1998

Presented by Councilman Peters

ORDINANCE #1630

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature enacted P.L. 1992, Chapter 132 which authorizes municipalities to adopt Ordinances regulating the presence of minors in public places between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield concur with the sentiments of the New Jersey Legislature that limiting a minor's access to public places during these hours is in the minor's and society's best interests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this ordinance the following terms shall be defined to mean:

(A) JUVENILE - An individual who is under the age of eighteen 18 years;

(B) GUARDIAN - A person other than a parent to whom legal custody of the juvenile has been given by Court Order who is acting in the place of the parent or a person who is responsible for the care and welfare of the juvenile;

(C) PUBLIC PLACE - any place to which the public has access including, but not limited to, a public street, road, thoroughfare, sidewalk, bridge, alley, plaza, park, recreation, athletic or shopping area, public transportation facility, vehicle used for public transportation, parking lot or any other public building, structure or area.

SECTION II: It shall be unlawful for juveniles to be in any public place between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. This prohibition does not apply if said juvenile is:

(A) Engaged in or traveling to or from a business or occupation which the laws of the State of New Jersey authorize a juvenile to perform;

(B) Engaged in an errand involving a medical emergency;

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(C) Attending religious services, extracurricular school activities, activities sponsored by a religious or community organization or other cultural, educational or social events, or is in direct transit to or from such events.

SECTION III: It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to permit, suffer or allow any juvenile in his or her care to be in any public place between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

SECTION IV: Any person found guilty of having violated Section 1 or Section 3 of this Ordinance shall perform community service and may be subject to a fine of no more than ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS and if parents or guardians as well as a juvenile are found guilty of violating this Ordinance, the parents or guardians shall perform community service together with the juvenile. The period of community service will not exceed ninety (90) days.

SECTION V: REPEAL OF PRIOR OR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES. All other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION VI: SEVERABILITY. If any Section, clause, sentence or other part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the Ordinance.

SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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