

Ordinance

Ordinance No.51

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CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. Date to Mayor

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Council Member COURSEY & SCHULTZ Presents the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 204 of the Code of the City of Atlantic City creating Article IX regulating laser beam pointer devices.

WHEREAS, laser beam pointer devices are being used by individuals in such a manner as to harass, annoy and potentially cause bodily harm to those receiving contact with the laser beam; and

WHEREAS, the laser beam devices carry a *warning* that says laser beams can cause retinal damage from contact with the eyes; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Police Department has received numerous complaints from individuals who have been exposed to unwanted and undesired laser beam contact which interferes with their peace and good order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the members of the Council of the City of Atlantic city that Chapter 204 of the Code of the city of Atlantic city is hereby amended to add Article IX as follows:

SECTION 1. LASER BEAM DEVICES.

It shall be unlawful for any person to focus, point or shine a laser beam directly or indirectly upon another person or animal in such a manner as to reasonably cause harassment or annoyance or alarm to said person or animal.

SECTION 2. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Any person violating any provision of this Article shall upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Atlantic City, be subject to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or ninety days in the city or county jail or for a period of community service not exceeding ninety (90) days, or any combination of the three.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts at Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as provided by law.
