

Chapter 77 --- Curfew

77.010. Curfew imposed. That it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to be, or remain in or upon any of the streets, alleys or public places in the City of Sarcoxie, Missouri, at night after the hours of 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday nights, and 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, and State Legal Holiday eve and Nights unless such person is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult person responsible for or having custody of such minor person; or such minor's gainful employment makes it necessary for such minor to be upon said streets, alleys or other public places after the specified hours; or on an emergency errand sanctioned by the parent, guardian or other adult person responsible for having legal custody of said minor.

77.020. Prima facie evidence. The fact that said minor, unaccompanied by parent, guardian or other adult person responsible for or having the legal custody of said minor is found upon any street, alley or other public place after the specified hours, as set forth in Section 77.010, shall be prima facie evidence that the minor is there unlawfully and that no reasonable excuse exists therefore.

77.030. Parent responsible. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other adult person responsible for having the legal care, custody and control of a person under the age of 18 years to allow, permit, or suffer such minor to violate the provisions of Section 77.010.

77.040. Business places responsible. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation operator in charge of any place of amusement, entertainment or refreshment, or other place of business to permit any minor under the age of 18 years to be or remain in such place or on the premises during the hours prohibited by this Ordinance. When such owner, operator, or person in charge of such place of business shall find such minors under the age of 18 years on the premises, he shall order them to leave and if such person refuses to leave, the owner or operator shall notify the Police Department and inform them of such violation.

77.050. Special penalty -- minors. Any person under the age of 18 years violating the provision of Section 77.010, of this Chapter, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not to exceed \$10.00 for each offense.

77.060. Penalty -- parent. Any parent, guardian or other adult person responsible for, or having legal custody of a minor under the age of 18 years, who permits, allows or suffers said minor to violate the provisions of Section 77.010 of this Chapter, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than \$25.00 for the first offense and double the previous fine for any succeeding offense.

77.070. Penalty -- business places. Any person, firm or corporation operating or in charge of any amusement, entertainment, refreshment or other place of business who shall violate Section 77.040 of this Ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00 for each offense.