

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION 2, SECTION 7-2000 OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES (CURFEW FOR MINORS-DEFINITIONS)**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Chapter 7, Article IX, Division 2, Section 7-2000 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Chapter 7 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions

Article IX – Miscellaneous Offenses

Division 2 – Curfew for Minors

Sec. 7-2000. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Adult* means any person who has reached the age of eighteen (18) or older.

*Custodian* means a parent as defined in Ch. C. art. 116, or a person with legal custody as defined in Ch. C. art. 116, to whom the care or supervision of the juvenile has been temporarily and lawfully delegated or assigned, or if the juvenile does not reside with any of such persons, then in that case the term custodian shall mean any adult with whom the juvenile resides.

*Emergency* means an unforeseen circumstance or the resulting state that demands immediate action, including but not limited to a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

*Juvenile* means any person under the age of **eighteen (18) years**.

*Permit* means to knowingly allow or knowingly fail to prevent, or to fail to prevent due to lack of reasonable efforts or concern or due to failure to supervise or control.

*Public place* means any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access, and includes but is not limited to streets, highways, sidewalks, corners, avenues, alleys, parks, playgrounds, public buildings, vacant lots or other public places.

*Reasonable errand* means the activity of a juvenile pursuant to a custodian's direction in a public place in order to accomplish an emergency mission or a legitimate family function in a normal and customary fashion considering

the time of day, or going to or returning home from such an activity without any detour or stop.

*Remain* means to unnecessarily tarry, stay, loiter, idle, wander, stroll or play; or fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer or the owner, operator or other person in control of the premises.

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that the provisions of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2021.

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Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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Chad J. Mire, President