

BILL NO. 26-003

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AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 16 – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES, ARTICLE VI. - MINORS, BY REVOKING EXISTING SECTIONS 16-198 AND 16-200 AND ENACTING NEW REPLACEMENT SECTIONS

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Hannibal:

Section 1. WHEREAS the state of Missouri has amended RSMo 211.021 to change the definition of a “minor” to be any person under the age of 18.

AND WHEREAS, Sections 16-198 and 16-200 of the Ordinances of the City of Hannibal make reference to a minor being a person under the age of 17, and that therefore the ordinances of the City of Hannibal are not in compliance with State law regarding the definition of a minor.

AND WHEREAS, the City Council desires for it’s ordinances to remain compliant with laws of the State of Missouri, and has determined therefore that it is necessary and in the best interests of the city and the citizens of Hannibal that the definition of minor, as well as ordinances relating to minors be amended to comply with state law.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council hereby revises CHAPTER 16 – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES, ARTICLE VI. - MINORS, by revoking Sections 16-198 & 16-200 and enacting new Sections into the Ordinances of the City of Hannibal as follows:

Section 2. That Section Sec. 16-198 is revoked, and a new section Sec. 16-198 is created as follows:

Sec. 16-198. - Definitions.

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

Custodian means any person over the age of 21 years, who is in loco parentis to a juvenile.

Guardian means any person other than a parent, who has legal guardianship of a minor.

Minor means any person under the age of 18 years.

Parent means the natural or adoptive parent of a minor.

Public place means any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, park, playground or place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment, or other lawful purpose. The term "public place" shall include but not be limited to any store, shop, restaurant, tavern, bowling alley, cafe, theater, drugstore, pool room, shopping center and any other place devoted to amusement or entertainment of the general public. The term "public place" shall also include the front or immediate area.

(Code 1963, § 300.010; Code 1988, § 16-201; Ord. No. 3296, § 2, 1-4-1983)

Section 3. That Section Sec. 16-200 is revoked, and a new section Sec. 16-200 is created as follows:

Sec. 16-200. - Curfew for minors.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any minor to remain, idle, wander, stroll or play in any public place either on foot or to cruise about without a set destination in any vehicle in, about or upon any place in the city between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday unless:
- (1) Accompanied by a parent, guardian, custodian or other adult person having custody or control of such minor;
 - (2) The minor is on an emergency errand or specific business or activity directed or permitted by his parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor; or
 - (3) Where the presence of such minor is connected with or required by some legitimate employment, trade, profession or occupation.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person operating or having charge of any public place to ~~knowingly permit or suffer the presence of minors under the age of 18 years:~~
- (1) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday; and
 - (2) Between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian or other adult person having custody or control of any minor under the age of 18 years to suffer or permit or by inefficient control to allow such person to be on the streets or sidewalks or on or in any public property or public place within the city between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday


- (d) If minors will be attending a special function or entertainment of any church, school, club or other organization within the city that will require the minor to be out at a later hour than provided in this section, the church, school, club or other organization shall register in advance with the chief of police or his designee to have the minors stay out this later hour. The registrant shall state the time the function shall end, and the minors shall be required to be in their homes or usual places of abode within one-half hour after the function is ended.
- (e) Any police officer, upon finding a minor in violation of this section, shall ascertain the name and address of such minor and warn the minor that he is in violation of curfew and shall direct the minor to proceed at once to his home or usual place of abode. The police officer shall report such action to the watch commander of the police department on duty who in turn shall notify the parent, guardian, or person having custody or control of such minor. If such minor refuses to heed such warning or direction by any police officer or refuses to give such police officer his correct name and address, or if the minor has been warned on a previous occasion that he is in violation of curfew, he shall be taken to the police department and the parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of such minor shall be notified to come and take charge of the minor. If the parent, guardian or other adult person above cannot be located or fails to come and take charge of the minor, the minor shall be released to the juvenile authorities.
- (f) Any minor violating the provisions of this section shall be dealt with in accordance with law. Any parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of a minor violating this section shall, after having been previously notified under subsection (e) of this section, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 4 All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, in so far as they conflict, are hereby repealed.

Section 5 That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Approved this 3rd day of March, 2026.



Darrell McCoy, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Cogdal, City Clerk

