

Town of Norway

AMENDED CURFEW ORDINANCE Adopted at Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2021

- SEC. 1 The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the presence and conduct of minors on streets and public places to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Norway.
- SEC. 2 Definitions as used in this ordinance:
- A. CURFEW HOURS means 10:00 pm to 5:00 am the following day, or as otherwise temporarily established by the Police Chief in consultation with the Town Manager to address an imminent threat to the public health, safety and welfare.
 - B. EMERGENCY means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, or automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.
 - C. GUARDIAN is any person other than a parent, who has legal guardianship of a minor.
 - D. MINOR is any person under the age of 18 years
 - E. PARENT is the natural or adoptive parent of a minor.
 - F. PUBLIC PLACE shall mean 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. A public place shall include, but not be limited, to any store, shop, restaurant, tavern, theater, drug store, pool room, laundry, shopping center, and any other places devoted to amusement or entertainment of the immediate area of the above.
 - G. TOWN is the Town of Norway
- SEC. 3 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 in a motor vehicle in Norway during curfew hours, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult person having custody or control of such minor.
- It shall be unlawful for the parent or guardian or other adult person having custody or control of any minor under the age of 18 to suffer or permit or by inefficient control, allow such person to be on the streets or sidewalks or on or in any public property or public place within the Town of Norway during curfew hours.
- SEC. 4 The following exceptions shall not be considered a violation of this Ordinance:

- 1) Any minor accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person having the care, custody or control of the minor.
- 2) Any minor involved in an emergency or on an emergency errand.
- 3) The presence of a minor is connected with or required by some legitimate employment, trade, profession or occupation.
- 4) Any minor attending a special function or entertainment supervised by adults of any church, school, club or organization that required such minor to be out during curfew hours. After the function or event has ended the minor needs to be with a parent or guardian without a detour or stop.
- 5) Any minor exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech and the right of assembly.

SEC. 5

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 and up to 5 hours of community service with a community organization. For each subsequent offense and a fine up to \$100.00 and up to 10 hours of community service with a community organization.