

## ORDINANCE: 2001-6 \_\_\_\_\_

A new curfew ordinance passed by the City of Loogootee Common Council Monday February 12, 2001, reflects an Indiana state law that limits those under 18 years of age to 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and 11:00 p.m. on other nights.

The ordinance, No. 2001-6 will become effective after publication of a legal notice the next two weeks.

The new law states: "It shall be unlawful for a minor (under 18), during curfew hours, to remain in or upon any public place within the town, to remain in any motor vehicle, operating or parked, therein or thereon, or to remain in or upon the premises of any establishment within the town."

Exceptions include the following:

A parent or guardian accompanies the minor.

The minor is involved in an emergency.

The minor is engaged in an employment activity, or is going to, or returning home from such activity, without detour or stop.

The minor is on the sidewalk directly abutting a place where he or she resides with a parent or guardian.

The minor is attending any activity sponsored by a school, religious, or civic organization, by a public organization or agency, or by another similar organization or entity, which activity is supervised by adults, and/or the minor is going to or returning home from such activity without detour or stop.

The minor is on an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian and the minor has on his or her possession a writing signed by the parent or guardian containing the following information: the name, signature, address, and telephone number of the parent or guardian authorizing the errand, the name of the minor, the minor's destination, and the date and time that the minor is authorized to be engaged in the errand.

The minor is involved in interstate travel through, or beginning or terminating in the city of Loogootee.

The minor is 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.

The law further states that it is unlawful for a parent, owner/operator of a motor vehicle, or owner of a business establishment to knowingly permit or allow a curfew violation.

After determining a curfew violation, a police officer shall issue a written citation to the minor and advise parents or guardians of the alleged violation.

Penalty for violation of the new law will be \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second, and \$100 for subsequent offenses.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Loogootee on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:   
Bettye Norris, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Loogootee, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001, at the hour of 6:25 p.m.

  
Bettye Norris, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001, at the hour of 6:25 p.m.

  
Brian T. Ader, Mayor