

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1982-1 ESTABLISHING A CURFEW:
PENALTY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there is a continuing problem of minors being involved with violations of law during the late hours of the night and early morning hours; and,

WHEREAS, There has arisen a serious issue of minors loitering at late hours of the night on the public streets of the City of Keiser, which vitally affects the public welfare:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEISER, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen years to be, or to remain in or upon any of the streets, alleys, or public places in the City at night after the hours of 10:00 P.M., Sunday through Thursday nights and 12:01 A.M. on Saturday and Sunday mornings, unless such person is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other adult person responsible for or having legal 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 an emergency errand sanctioned by the parent, guardian, or other adult person responsible for having legal custody of the said minor.

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

Any person under the age of eighteen years violating the provisions of this section shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not to exceed \$50.00 for each offense.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, or other adult person responsible for or having the lawful care, custody and control of any person under the age of eighteen years of age to allow, permit, or suffer such minor to violate the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance.

Any such person who permits, allows, or suffers said minor to violate the provisions of Section 1 shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than one hundred (100.00) dollars for the first offense and double the previous fine for any succeeding offenses.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person operating or in charge of any place of amusement, entertainment, of refreshment, or other place of business to permit any minor under the age of eighteen years to loiter, loaf, or idle in such place or on the premises during the hours prohibited by Section 1 of the ordinance. When such owner, operator, or person in charge of such place of business shall find such a minor or minors under the age of eighteen on

the premises, he shall order such person to leave and if such minor refuses, the owner or operator shall notify the police department and inform them of such violation.

Any person who shall violate this section shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than fifty (50) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars.

SECTION 4. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. The continuing problem of minors being involved with violations of law during the late night hours and early morning hours raises a serious and immediate problem of danger to the minors, to property owners, and the general citizenry of the City of Keiser. Therefore, an emergency is declared and this ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22 DAY OF April, 2020



MAYOR



RECORDER