

Chapter 1000: CURFEW

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) to be present upon any public street, alley, or other public or quasi-public place in the Village of Wardsville between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless:

a. Accompanied by a parent, guardian, employer or some other person of legal age having charge of the minor's lawful care, custody and control;

b. Returning home by direct route from and within thirty (30) minutes after a school activity, an activity of religious or supervised voluntary association, such as scouts, 4H, community leagues, or other community events. Examples of community events shall include dances, community celebrations and carnivals;

c. Is in a place or returning home from such a place, connected with and required by some legitimate business, trade, profession or occupation in which the minor is permitted by law to be engaged.

Section 2. For the purpose of this ordinance, "quasi-public place" shall be defined as an area in private ownership which is established for the convenience of the public as a member, invited guest or business visitor and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, parking lots, business establishments, shopping center areas, school and church grounds or arcade amusement centers.

Section 3. Any such person not subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, and any parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. For the first such offense, the court shall fine the defendant a minimum of \$50.00 and costs. Upon further convictions, defendant shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and costs, as well as referral to the Cole County Juvenile Court.

Section 4. Responsibility of parent, guardian, etc. – it shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of a minor under the age of 17 years to knowingly permit such minor to violate any provision of this ordinance.