

Curfew Ordinance
Salt Lake County,
Utah

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Chapter 10.60

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10.60.010 Purpose.

The board of county commissioners of Salt Lake County finds, due to a seemingly ever-increasing incidence of violence and other crime among juveniles in the county, being both drug-related and gang-related, that such crimes may be significantly inhibited and reduced by the enactment and enforcement of local laws establishing a curfew prohibiting juveniles from remaining idly and purposelessly on the public streets late at night (Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)

10.60.020 Definitions.

A "Care and custody" means the legal authority of a parent or guardian to supervise or otherwise be responsible for a minor, or the express authority given from such parent or legal guardian of a minor to a responsible adult to supervise or otherwise be responsible for the activities and care of the minor.

B. "Emergency errand" means any errand or travel undertaken to directly and immediately seek to prevent or reduce the consequences of an illness or injury, criminal or potentially criminal activity, or fire or other accident and shall include the seeking of aid and assistance from medical or emergency response personnel or the purchase of medications.

C "Minor" means any unmarried, unemancipated person who is not a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is under the age of sixteen years for the purposes of Section 10.60.030 hereof or who is under the age of eighteen years for the purpose of section 10.60.040 hereof.

D. "Public places" means any place open to the public, whether publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to, parking lots and the interiors and exteriors of

commercial establishments such as restaurants, stores or places of entertainment.
(Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)

10.60.030 Sixteen-year-old curfew.

It is unlawful for any minor under the age of sixteen years to remain or loiter upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys or public places in the county, between the hours of eleven p.m. and five a.m. the following morning. (Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)

10.60.040 Eighteen-year-old curfew.

It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen years to remain or loiter upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys or public places in the county, between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m. (Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)

10.60.050 Parental liability.

It is unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having care and custody of any minor to knowingly allow or permit the minor to violate the provisions of this chapter.
(Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)

10.60.060 Business liability.

No person owning or operating a business as defined by this code of ordinances shall knowingly permit any minor to remain on the premises of such business in violation of the provisions of this ordinance. This section, however, shall not apply to any minor who is lawfully employed on the premises. (Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)

10.60.070 Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any circumstance in which the minor is:

- A. Accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult having care and custody of such minor;
- B. Engaged in a legitimate trade, employment or occupation which requires the minor's presence in or on the sidewalks, streets, alleys or public places while working at or traveling to or from such employment;
- C. Engaged on an emergency errand directed by the minor's parent, guardian or other responsible person having care and custody;
- D. In a motor vehicle engaged in a normal interstate travel beginning in, traveling through, or ending in the county;

E. Attending or engaged in traveling between the minor's home or place of residence and a place where any religious, municipal, social, entertainment, sporting, political, library or school function is occurring; or

F. Within the immediate vicinity of the minor's place of residence. (Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)

10.60.080 Enforcement.

A. Any minor who is in violation of the provisions of this chapter is subject to arrest and citation.

B. Upon arrest, the minor shall be returned to the custody of the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care and custody of the minor.

C. It is unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person charged with the care and custody of a minor who is in violation of this chapter to knowingly refuse to appear and take custody of the minor within a reasonable time after being ordered to do so by a peace officer. (Ord. 1229 § 2 (part), 1993)