

Curfew Ordinance
Chatham County,
Georgia

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM

CURFEW ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, in regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That the Code of Chatham County, hereinafter referenced as "Code", be amended by adding thereto a new section as follows:

ENACT

CHATHAM COUNTY CURFEW ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I. SECTION 11-122:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any minor 16 years of age or younger to loiter, wander, stroll or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, lanes, parks, playgrounds or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any place in the unincorporated area of the County unsupervised by an adult having the lawful authority to be at such places, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on any day and 6:00 a.m. of the following day; provided, however, that on Fridays and Saturdays the effective hours are between 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply in the following instances:

a. When a minor is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful care and custody of the minor;

b. When the minor is upon an emergency errand by his or her parent or guardian or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of the minor;

c. When the minor is returning directly home from a school or church activity;

d. When the minor is returning directly home from lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in the above referenced places during the proscribed period of time;

e. When the minor is attending or traveling directly to or from activity involving the exercise of first amendment rights of speech, freedom of assembly, or free exercise of religion;

f. When the minor is in a motor vehicle with parental consent for normal travel, with interstate travel through the County excepted in all cases from the curfew; and

g. When the minor is on the property of or the sidewalk directly adjacent to the building in which he or she resides.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to permit or by inefficient control allow a violation of this ordinance by a minor in his or her custody.

(3) Failure to comply with any of the requirements and provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a violation and any violator upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned in the County jail for not more than thirty days or both in the discretion of the Judge of the Recorder's Court of this County.

(4) All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed

(5) Effective date. This Ordinance shall be effective this _____ day of _____, 1995.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: _____, 1995.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Joseph E. Mahany, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Sybil E. Tillman
Clerk of Commission

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