

## **Chapter 15.02**

### **Loitering**

#### **Section 1. Definitions.**

- A. "Loitering" shall mean remaining idle in essentially one location and shall include the concept of spending time idly; to be dilatory; to linger; to stay; to saunter; to delay; to stand around and shall also include the colloquial expression "hanging around."
- B. "Public Place" shall mean any place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment, or other lawful purpose, but does not necessarily mean a place devoted solely to the uses of the public. It shall also include the front or immediate area of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern or other place of business and also public grounds, areas or parks.

#### **Section 2. Loitering - Police Order to Disburse.**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, wander, stand or remain idle either alone and/or in concert with others in a public place in any manner so as to:
  - (1) Obstruct in a public street, public highway, public sidewalk, or any other public place or building by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians.
  - (2) Commit in or on any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference with the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress, egress, regress, therein, thereon and thereto.
- B. When any person causes or commits any of the conditions enumerated in Sections (A) herein, a police officer or any law enforcement officer shall order that person to stop causing or committing such conditions and to move on or disburse. Any person who fails or refuses to obey such orders shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

**Section 3. Penalty.** Any person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor.