

Kansas City, Missouri Curfew

Section 50-237 CURFEW FOR PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

(a) It is unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to loiter, wander, stroll or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any place 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 12:00 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:

- (1) When a minor is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of the minor;
- (2) When the minor is upon an emergency errand directed by his or her parent or guardian or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of such minor;
- (3) When the minor is returning directly home from a school activity, entertainment, recreational activity or dance;
- (4) When the minor is returning directly home from lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in the places referenced in this section during the prescribed period of time;
- (5) When the minor is attending or traveling directly to or from an activity involving the exercise of first amendment rights of free speech, freedom of assembly or free exercise of religion; and
- (6) In interstate travel through the city.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian or other person having custody or control of any child under the age of 18 years to permit, or by insufficient control to allow, such child to be in or upon the public streets or any other places listed within the city between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. the following day, except in circumstances set out in subsections (a)(1) through (6) of this section.

(1) Upon conviction of violation of this section for the first time, a person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1.00 with court costs to be waived.

(2) Upon further convictions, a person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and costs. In lieu of a fine, the court may impose probation, provided that a condition of probation is attendance at family counseling sessions by the parent and juvenile, as recommended by appropriate health care providers. Each violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

(c) The police department shall report to the council the number of arrests under this section, the location of the arrests, and the race of persons so arrested.

(d) On a semiannual basis, the municipal court shall report to the council on the disposition of arrests and convictions under this section.

(e) All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this section are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall affect the authority of the mayor to impose a curfew pursuant to any ordinance existing on August 22, 1991. (Code of Gen. Ords. 1967, § 26.138; Ord. No. 910678, 8-22-91)

Cross references: Prohibited acts in places of amusement, § 12-6.