

Eastover Code of Ordinances

● Article 8: Miscellaneous Offenses

Ordinance

8-1001

AN ORDINANCE MAKING UNLAWFUL THE ACT OF LOITERING WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF EASTOVER.

INTRODUCED BY:

ORDINANCE: 8-1001

(1) *Definition.* As used in this Ordinance, "loitering" shall mean remaining idle in essentially one location, spending time idly, loafing or walking around aimlessly in a public place in such a manner as to:

- (a) create or cause to be created any disturbance or annoyance to the comfort and repose of any person;
- (b) create or cause to be created a danger of a breach of the peace;
- (c) obstruct or hinder the free passage of vehicles or pedestrians;
- (d) obstruct or interfere with any person lawfully in any public place;
- (e) engage in begging;
- (f) engage in gambling
- (g) engage in prostitution
- (h) solicit or engage in any business, trade or commercial transaction unless specifically authorized or licensed to do so;
- (i) unlawfully use or possess an unlawful drug; or
- (j) unlawfully use or possess alcoholic beverages, beer, or wine.

(2) *Violation.* Any person loitering in any public place as defined above may be ordered by any police officer to leave that place. Any person who shall refuse to leave after being ordered to do so by a police officer shall be guilty of a violation of this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed or enforced in such a manner as to restrict freedom of speech, religion, or association.

(3) *Penalty.* Any person convicted of violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined no more than \$200.00 or imprisoned no more than 30 days.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately following its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

APPROVED by Eastover Town Council this 7th day of December, 1998.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk

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