

TITLE 15

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CHAPTER 15.01 INTENT AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of assisting the general public in protecting public rights of way. This ordinance is also adopted to assist law enforcement in the performance of their official duties.

CHAPTER 15.02 CROWDS OBSTRUCTING STREETS

It shall be unlawful for persons to gather in crowds or groups or for any person to stand on any public street, sidewalk or other public right of way in such manner as to obstruct free pass thereon or to annoy/harass persons passing along the same. Law enforcement officers are authorized to disperse the crowd or group or to cause the removal of any person violating the provisions of this section and to summarily arrest any person in case of refusal to obey any reasonable direction given by such officer for the purpose of clearing the way or preventing the annoyance to any passerby on any public right of way.

CHAPTER 15.03 RESISTING, OBSTRUCTING, ESCAPING FROM OR ASSAULTING AN OFFICER

No person shall resist or obstruct any law enforcement officer in any performance of any official duty, or in any way aid or assist any person to resist or escape from any such officer, nor assist any person to escape from any lawful confinement. No person shall flee from, assault or strike any law enforcement officer, nor in any way interfere with a law enforcement officer in the discharge of his/her official duty.

CHAPTER 15.04 IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER

No person unduly authorized shall exercise the duties conferred by law upon law enforcement officers, wear the law officer's badge or represent himself as being a law enforcement officer or peace officer, or attempt to exercise the duties of a law enforcement officer or peace officer.

CHAPTER 15.05 FALSE EMERGENCY ALARM

No person shall knowingly make or give any false alarm of fire or other emergency by calling or causing to be called the fire department or law enforcement officers or any authorized emergency vehicle.

CHAPTER 15.06 DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A person shall be guilty of Disorderly Conduct if with the purpose to cause public danger, alarm, disorder or nuisance, he/she willfully (1) creates a disturbance of the public order by an act of violence or by an act likely to produce violence; or (2) engages in fighting or in a violent or threatening or tumultuous Behaviors; or (3) makes any unreasonable loud noise; or (4) addresses abusive language or threats to any person present which creates a clear and present danger of violence; or (5) causes likelihood of harm or serious inconvenience by failing to obey a lawful order of dispersal by a police officer, or (6) damages, befouls or disturbs public property or property of another so as to create a hazardous, unhealthy or physically offensive condition; or (7) commits a trespass on residential property or on public property. Trespass for the purpose of this section shall mean:

a). Entering upon, or refusing to leave, any residential property of another, either where such property has been posted with "No Trespassing" signs, or where immediately prior to such entry, or subsequent thereto, notice is given by the owner or occupant, orally or in writing, that such entry, or continued presence, is prohibited.

b) Entering upon, or refusing to leave, any public property in violation of regulations promulgated by the official charged with the security, care or maintenance of the property and approved by the governing body of the public agency owning the property, which such regulations have been conspicuously posted or where immediately prior to such entry, or subsequent thereto, such regulations are made known by the official charged with the security, care of maintenance of the property, his agent or a police officer.

or (8) makes a telephone call with intent to annoy/harass another, whether or not conversation ensues; or (9) hinders, annoys, or molests persons passing along any street, sidewalk, crosswalk or other public way, or loiters, sits or stands around the entrance of any church, theater, public building or other place of public assemblage in any manner so as to unreasonably obstruct such entrance, or places or erects upon any public way an obstruction of any type except temporary barriers or warning signs placed for the purpose of safeguarding the public against any hazard; or (10) assembles together with two or more persons with intention to do any unlawful act with force or violence against the person or property of another, and who makes any overt act to carry out such unlawful purpose; or (11) disturbs, threatens or in any insolvent manner intentionally touches any house or vehicle occupied by any person.

CHAPTER 15.07 VIOLATIONS

Violations of this county ordinance shall be deemed a Class II Misdemeanor.