

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LOITERING

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Town to implement an Ordinance prohibiting loitering;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Atlantic Beach as follows:

Loitering Deemed Unlawful

(a) Definitions.

As used in this section, the term "public place" means an area generally visible to public view and includes alleys, bridges, buildings, driveways, parking lots, parks, plazas, sidewalks and streets open to the general public, including those that serve food or drink or provide entertainment, and the doorways and entrances to buildings or dwellings and the grounds enclosing them.

As used in this section, the term "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:

- (1) Create or cause to be created any disturbance or annoyance to the comfort and repose of any person;
- (2) Create or cause to be created a danger of a breach of the peace;
- (3) Obstruct or hinder the free passage of vehicles or pedestrians;
- (4) Obstruct or interfere with any person lawfully in any public place;
- (5) Engage in begging;
- (6) Engage in gambling;
- (7) Engage in prostitution;
- (8) Solicit or engage in any business, trade or commercial transaction unless specifically authorized or licensed to do so;

(9) Unlawfully use or possess any unlawful drug; or

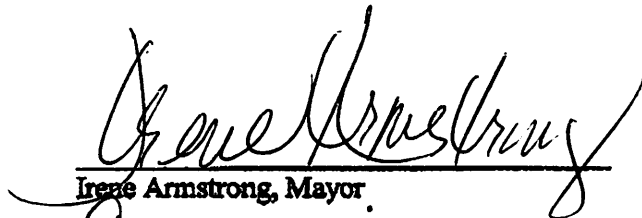
(10) Unlawfully use or possess alcoholic beverages, beer or wine.

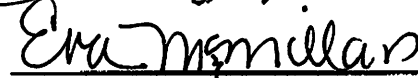
(b) Violations. Any person loitering in any public place as defined in subsection (a) of this section may be ordered by any police officer to leave that place. Any person who shall refuse to leave after being ordered to do so by a police officer shall be guilty of a violation of this section. Nothing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

This Ordinance shall be included in the comprehensive Code of Ordinances of the Town of Atlantic Beach.

October 4, 1999.


Meryyl McMillan, Town Manager


Irene Armstrong, Mayor

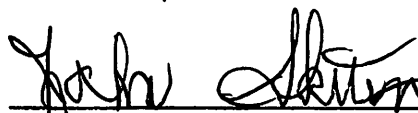

Eva McMillan, Mayor Pro-tem

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Second Reading: October 4, 1999

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