

*Borough of Paulsboro, NJ  
Monday, September 8, 2014*

## Chapter 28. CURFEW

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro 4-19-1994 by Ord. No. 0.7.94.<sup>[1]</sup> Amendments noted where applicable.]

### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

Loitering — See Ch. 41.

Parental responsibility — See Ch. 45.

[1]: *Editor's Note: This ordinance repealed former Ch. 28, Curfew, adopted 4-19-1983 by Ord. No. 0.4.83.*

### **§ 28-1. Persons under eighteen subject to curfew; hours.**

[Amended 5-3-1994 by Ord. No. 0.9.94]

It shall be unlawful hereafter for any minor under the age of 18 years to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, play or remain in or upon the public street, highways, roads, playgrounds, public buildings, places of amusement, entertainment or places of business conducted for profit to which the public is invited and all public or quasi-public places, either on foot or in any vehicle within the Borough of Paulsboro, after the hour of 10:00 p.m. prevailing time and before 6:00 a.m. prevailing time the following day; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any such minor when accompanied by his or her parent or parents, guardian or other adult person having custody, care or control of such minor.

### **§ 28-2. Responsibility of appropriate adults.**

It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other adult person having custody, care or control of a child under the age of 18 years to knowingly permit such minor to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, play or remain in or upon the public street, highways, roads and other public or quasi-public places within the Borough of Paulsboro as mentioned in § 28-1 hereof following the adoption of this chapter.

### **§ 28-3. (Reserved)**

[1]: *Editor's Note: Former § 28-3, Apprehension procedures, was repealed 9-5-2006 by Ord. No.*

11.06.

## § 28-4. Exceptions; violation.

The provisions of this chapter shall not be applicable to any minor under the age of 18 years during the time necessarily required for such minor to travel from any of the following to his/her residence.

- A. A place of employment at which such minor may be gainfully employed.
- B. A school or place of instruction at which such minor may be in bona fide attendance.
- C. A place at which a function may be held that shall be or had been sponsored by a religious, school, civil or other properly supervised event or program.
- D. A place at which a bona fide, supervised social meeting, gathering or assemblage had taken place for which the minor has in his possession the written approval of his parent or guardian to attend such specific event with such parent's or guardian's signature. The abuse of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this chapter, punishable as hereinafter provided.

## § 28-5. Emergencies; violation.

The provisions of this chapter shall not be applicable to any minor under the age of 18 years if the minor is involved in the following activity:

- A. Errands involving medical emergencies requiring the minor's presence in, on or upon a street or automobile or in any public or quasi-public place as aforesaid during the curfew hours herein established. The abuse of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this chapter, punishable as hereinafter provided.

## § 28-6. Adult's liability.

If it should be established that any minor under the age of 18 years remained idle, loitered, wandered, strolled or remained in, on or upon any of the public or quasi-public places within the Borough as above mentioned in violation of the provisions of this chapter, then it shall be presumed, in the absence of proof to the contrary, that the parent or other adult having the care, control or custody of such minor knowingly permitted such minor to do so.

## § 28-7. Violations and penalties.

[Amended 9-5-2006 by Ord. No. 11.06]

Any person or persons found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the following fines:

- A. For a first offense: a fine of \$25; and
- B. For a second or subsequent offense: a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.