

Township of Pittsgrove, NJ
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Chapter 74. PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pittsgrove 7-9-1997 by Ord. No. 8-1997 (Ch. 63A of the 1983 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.] *Editor's Note: Former Ch. 74, Recycling, adopted 7-11-1990 by Ord. No. 15-1990, as amended, was repealed 10-13-1999 by Ord. No. 11-1999. See now Ch. 83, Part 1, Waste Management.*

GENERAL REFERENCES

Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 27.

Curfew — See Ch. 38.

Noise — See Ch. 69.

Parks and recreation areas — See Ch. 72.

§ 74-1. Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

LEGAL GUARDIAN

Any person having the care and custody of a minor child under 18 years of age, whether by reason of a blood relationship or the order of any court or otherwise, including persons in loco parentis.

LOITERING

Remaining idle in essentially one location, including the concepts of spending time idly, loafing or walking about aimlessly, and also includes the colloquial expression “hanging around.”

PUBLIC PEACE, SAFETY AND MORALS

Offenses against the public peace, safety and morals, without limiting the commonly accepted definition thereof, includes destroying property of another; defacing property of another; littering, destroying or defacing public property; destroying or defacing privately owned property used on a public playground or public park; consumption of alcoholic beverages on a public street; drunkenness; begging; lack of supervision by a parent or legal guardian or other person or persons having the care and custody of a minor child under the age of 18 years; indecent exposure; mugging; assault; assault and battery; larceny; burglary; robbery; sale or use of narcotics or other controlled dangerous substances.

PUBLIC PLACE

Any place to which the public has a right of access, including any street, road, highway, alley, sidewalk, park or playground, and shall also include the entrance and sidewalk area adjacent thereto of any store, shop, restaurant, apartment building, tavern or other place of business. As defined herein, a “public place” shall also include a parking lot, vacant land, privately owned alleys, rights-of-way, and hallways and corridors used in common by more than one tenant or other persons, if the same are not owned by or under the legal control of the person charged with an offense under this chapter.

SUPERVISION

The exercise of control over a minor child under the age of 18 years so as to know his or her whereabouts and know with whom he or she associates and in what activities he or she may be

engaged.

§ 74-2. Loitering and related offenses.

It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter in a public place, as defined herein, so as to create or cause to be created the danger of a breach of the peace or any disturbance or annoyance to the comfort or repose of any person; to obstruct the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles; or to obstruct, molest or interfere with any person lawfully in any public place, including the making of unsolicited remarks of an offensive, disgusting or insulting nature or which are calculated to annoy or disturb the person to whom or in whose hearing they are made.

§ 74-3. Offenses against public peace, safety and morals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an offense against the public peace, safety and morals, as defined herein.

§ 74-4. Parental responsibility.

No parent or legal guardian or other person having the care, custody or supervision of a minor child under the age of 18 years shall knowingly permit such minor child to loiter so as to commit an offense against the public peace, safety and morals in violation of this chapter.

§ 74-5. Violations by minors; notice to parent or guardian.

Whenever any minor child under the age of 18 years is charged with a violation of this chapter, his or her parents or legal guardian or any other person having the care and custody of such minor child under 18 years of age shall be notified of such charge by the law enforcement agency enforcing the provisions of this chapter, if the name and address of such person or persons are known.

§ 74-6. Violations and penalties.

Any person who is found guilty of violation of this chapter shall be subject to any one or more of the following: imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days; or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000; or by a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.