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Section 500.01: PERSONS SUBJECT TO CURFEW. Every person under the age of 16 years shall be subject to the curfew restrictions of this section. For purposes of this section, such person shall be designated as a “child.”

Section 500.02: CURFEW TIMES. No child shall lurk, loiter, idle or be in or upon the public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, schools, or other public grounds, public places, places of entertainment or refreshment, or any other unsupervised places within this City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day.

Section 500.03: EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of this Section do not apply:

- (a) To a child who is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child.
- (b) To a child who is upon some necessary errand by permission or direction of his or her parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child. Such permission shall be in writing and signed by the parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child. Permission may not be required in an emergency situation.

Section 500.04: PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. Except as provided herein, any parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of a child who permits the child to violate the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 500.05: SCHOOL NIGHTS. The provisions of this Section shall be temporarily suspended and shall not apply to any child, parent, guardian, or other person having the care or custody of the child, if the child is lawfully going to, attending or returning from any official school sponsored event, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. of the morning following the event.