

Village Of Ashwaubenon

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- (A) *Loitering or Prowling Prohibited.* No person shall loiter or prowl in a place, at a time or in a manner not usual for law-abiding individuals under circumstances that warrant alarm for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity. Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether such alarm is warranted is the fact that the person takes flight upon appearance of a police, public safety officer, or peace officer, refuses to identify himself or manifestly endeavors to conceal himself or any object. Unless flight by the person or other circumstances makes it impracticable, a police, public safety officer, or peace officer shall, prior to any arrest for an offense under this subsection, afford the person an opportunity to dispel any alarm which would otherwise be warranted by requesting him to identify himself and explain his presence and conduct. No person shall be convicted of an offense under this subsection if the police, public safety officer or peace officer did not comply with the preceding sentence or if it appears at trial that the explanation given by the person was true and if believed by the police or peace officer at the time would have dispelled the alarm.
- (B) *Obstruction of traffic.* No person shall loaf or loiter in a group or crowd upon the public streets, alleys, sidewalks, street crossings or bridges or in any other public place within the village in such manner as to prevent, interfere with or obstruct the ordinary free use of such public streets, alleys, sidewalks, street crossings or bridges or other public places by persons passing along and over the same.
- (C) *Requested to Move.*
- (1) *Groups or Crowds.* No person shall loaf or loiter in a group or a crowd upon the public streets or sidewalks or in adjacent doorways or entrances, on street crossings or bridges or in any other public place, or on any private premises without invitation from the owner or occupant, after being requested to move by any police or public safety officer or by any person in authority at such places.
- (2) *Places of Public Assembly or Use.* No person shall loiter, lounge or loaf in or about any depot, theater, dance hall, restaurant, store, mall, public sidewalk, public parking lot or other place of assembly of public use after being requested to move by any police or public safety officer or by any person in authority at such place. Upon being requested to move, a person shall immediately comply with such request by leaving the premises or the area thereof.
- (3) *Obstructing Highways.* No person shall obstruct any street, bridge, sidewalk or crossing by lounging or loitering in or upon the same after being requested to move on by any police officer.
- (D) *Loitering in School and Playground Areas.* No person not in official attendance or on official school business shall enter into, congregate, loiter, wander, stroll, stand or play in any school building or in or about any playground area adjacent thereto within the village on official school days.

(Code 2006, § 9.07; Ord. No. O11-3-91, 11-19-1991; Ord. No. O5-04-96, 5-28-1996) State law reference— Loitering in roadway,

