

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CURFEW
AFFECTING ALL PERSONS UNDER SEVENTEEN
YEARS OF AGE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to be upon any public street, other public place or quasi-public place within the corporate limits of the Township of Winfield, either on foot, on any vehicle or in any vehicle after the hour of 10 P.M. (Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time, whichever may be legally in effect) unless accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person over 18 years of age having temporary or permanent custody or control of such person.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any parent or other person being charged with the temporary or permanent custody or control of any person under 17 years of age to permit such person to be upon any public street, other public place or quasi-public place within the corporate limits of the Township of Winfield after the hour of 10 P.M. (Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time, whichever may be legally in effect), or suffer or permit any such person under 17 years of age to be in or upon any of the streets, other public places or quasi-public places within the corporate limits of the Township of Winfield after the hour aforementioned except in the manner and for the purposes specifically authorized in this ordinance.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any person under 18 years of age who shall be gainfully employed, in compliance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and holding such employment certificates as may be required by the State of New Jersey, and who shall be proceeding to or from such place of employment and his or her place of residence; or who shall be a bona-fide student of any school having instruction periods requiring such person under eighteen years of age to return from such place of instruction to his or her place of residence after 10 P.M.: or who shall be returning from any religious service or meeting.

SECTION 4. Should any emergency arise requiring such person under 17 years of age to be upon the public streets of the Township of Winfield or in any other public place or quasi-public place after the

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curfew hour hereby established then he or she should have in his or her possession a writing signed by the person charged with his or her temporary or permanent custody stating the nature of the errand, the necessity thereof, the place to which said person is required to go and indicating the time period required for such errand.

SECTION 5. Any member of the Police Department of the Township of Winfield concerned with the violation of this ordinance is hereby authorized and empowered to take into his or her temporary care and custody any person under 17 years of age who may be violating this ordinance. Said officer shall forthwith return said person to his or her home and notify the parent or other person having custody and control of said child of the violation of this ordinance and the penalty therefore and said officer shall report said violation to the Chief of Police of the Township of Winfield who shall keep an adequate record thereof. Said officer shall make such further investigation as may be necessary as required under the circumstances of the violation.

SECTION 6. Upon the violation of the provisions of this ordinance by any person under 17 years of age any member of the Police Department of the Township of Winfield concerned therewith shall determine within his discretion whether the proper complaint should be made thereof to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of the County of Union and in any event should any such person become a habitual violator of the provisions of this ordinance then the officer concerned with such violation shall make the proper complaint to be transmitted through the Chief of the Police Department to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for such action as that Court in its discretion may deem proper and any person over 17 years of age violating this ordinance or any of the provisions thereof having the temporary or permanent custody of the person under 17 years of age concerned shall upon conviction thereof by the magistrate having jurisdiction of the complaint be punished by a fine not exceeding Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars or imprisonment not to exceed ten (10) days, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of such magistrate.

SECTION 7. Should any emergency occur in the Township of Winfield and the welfare and safety of the residents require a change in the time set forth for the curfew in this ordinance then the Township Committee may, by properly declaring such emergency to exist, change the curfew time set forth herein and shall by resolution so effect that change and said resolution shall be published at least once in a legal newspaper

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circulating the Township of Winfield and it shall be published at least five (5) days before the effective date of such change. Said resolution shall be further posted in three public places in the Township of Winfield and such places shall be selected and designated by the Township Committee in the resolution mentioned. The Township Committee may in said resolution direct that the effective date of the change shall be fixed by the order and proclamation of the Mayor.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Joseph L. Wright
Chairman, Township Committee
Joseph L. Wright

Introduced by

Frank J. Farrell
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Motioned by

Norman Whitehouse
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Seconded by

Frank J. Farrell
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DATED: September 13, 1954

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee held September 13, 1954, at Municipal Offices, 12 Gulfstream Avenue, Winfield, N.J. and was adopted on final reading at a special meeting held on Monday, September 27th, 1954, at 8 P.M. at Municipal Offices.

David Rees
David Rees - Township Clerk.