

## Chapter 9.24

### OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE

#### Sections:

- 9.24.010 Riot.
- 9.24.020 Failure to disperse.
- 9.24.030 Disorderly persons.
- 9.24.040 Violation--Penalty.

**9.24.010** **Riot.** It is unlawful for any person, acting with three or more persons, to knowingly and unlawfully use or threaten to use force, or in any way participate in the use of such force against any other person or against property. Every person who is convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of riot, a gross misdemeanor. (Ord. 325, 1978.)

**9.24.020** **Failure to disperse.** It is unlawful for any person to congregate with a group of three or more other persons at such times as there are acts of conduct within the group which create a substantial risk of causing injury to any person, or substantial harm to property, and to refuse or fail to disperse when ordered to do so by a peace officer engaged in enforcing or executing the law. Every person who is convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of failure to disperse, a misdemeanor. (Ord. 325, 1978.)

**9.24.030** **Disorderly persons.** The following persons are declared to be disorderly persons:

- A. Any person found intoxicated from the use of drugs or other substances, exclusive of alcoholic beverages, in any public place in the city;
- B. Any person fighting or encouraging others to fight in any public place in the city;
- C. Any person who shall, by noisy, riotous or tumultuous conduct disturb the quiet and peace of the city, or of any meeting or assemblage therein;
- D. Any person who shall use, in the presence of another person, vulgar, profane, or indecent language, or who shall make any vulgar, profane, obscene or indecent gesture, under circumstances which create a risk of assault;

- E. Any person who intentionally obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic without lawful authority;
- F. Any person who willfully annoys, bothers, molests, insults, or offers an affront or indignity to any person under circumstances which create a risk of assault;
- G. Any person who, without proper authorization, willfully removes, defaces, injures or destroys any street sign, or sign erected or placed in or adjacent to any street, which sign indicates the name of the street or serves as a traffic control device;
- H. Any person who transmits a fire alarm when he knows that there is no fire, or summons police or ambulance on the pretext that an emergency exists if he knows that there is no such emergency;
- I. Any person who refuses to yield or surrender the use of a party telephone line to another person for the purpose of permitting such other person to report a fire or to summon police, medical or other aid in case of emergency;
- J. Any person who asks for or requests the use of a party telephone line on the pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency in fact exists;
- K. Any person in the city engaged in buncoing or in the operation of swindling game or devise for the purpose of swindling or defrauding others;
- L. Any person who expectorates at or toward another person;
- M. Any person who intentionally inhales vapors or fumes of any substance for the purpose of inducing euphoria, hallucination or intoxication, except as authorized by law; and every person who visits or resorts to any place with knowledge that any of the above acts are being conducted, practiced or carried on illegally therein. (Ord. 325, 1978.)

**9.24.040** **Violation--Penalty.** Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor. (Ord. 325, 1978.)