



**DIVISION 1. JUVENILE CURFEW**



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sidewalks, whether paved or unpaved; and any grass plots or other grounds found within the legal right-of-way of a street.

(9) [(7)] **Remain** means to stay behind, to tarry and to stay unnecessarily in a public place, including the congregating of groups (or of interacting minors) totaling three or more persons in which any juvenile involved would not be using the streets for ordinary or serious purposes, such as mere passage or going home, or to fail to leave the premises of a place open to the public when requested to do so by a police officer or the operator of a place open to the public.

(10) [(8)] **Time of night** referred to herein is based upon the local prevailing standard of time.

**Sec. 14-**

- 1           (5) A proposal of the curfew hours for the curfew for the new curfew zone. The  
2           proposed curfew time periods cannot begin before 5:00 P.M. and cannot end later  
3           than 5:00 A.M.
- 4           (6) A letter of support for the creation of the voluntary curfew zone from at least one  
5           member of the County Council who represents the curfew area district covered by  
6           the proposed area.
- 7           (7) The Police Chief can approve an application with modifications made at the  
8           discretion of the Police Chief. If modifications are made, the Police Chief must  
9           first discuss the proposed modifications with the applicant.

10   **Sec. 14-103. Exceptions.**

- 11           (a) The curfew for juveniles and minors imposed in this Division shall be subject to the  
12           following exceptions:
- 13           (1) When a juvenile or minor is accompanied by the juvenile's or minor's parent.
- (2) When a juvenile or minor is accompanied by           ult92 reW6 juvenile

designated time for a designated purpose including points of origin and destination.

- (6) When a juvenile or minor is on the property where the juvenile or minor resides.
- (7) When a juvenile or minor is returning home by a direct route (without any unnecessary detour or stop) from and within one (1) hour of the termination of a school activity or an activity of a religious or other voluntary association, or a place of public entertainment, such as a movie, play, or sporting event.
- (8) When the juvenile or minor is legally employed and carries proof of employment. [a certified card of employment, renewable every six months, dated or reissued by the Chief of police, the card of employment shall identify the juvenile, the addresses of the juvenile's home and of the juvenile's place of employment, and the juvenile's hours of employment.]
- (9) When the juvenile or minor is, with parental consent, engaged in normal [interstate] intrastate travel through the County or originating or terminating in the County.
- (10) When the juvenile or minor is married or has been married pursuant to State law.
- (11) In the case of an operator of a place open to the public, when the operator has notified the police that a juvenile or minor was present on the premises of the place open to the public during curfew hours and refused to leave.

**Sec. 14-104. Parental responsibility.**

It shall be unlawful for a parent having legal custody of a juvenile or minor knowingly to permit, or by inefficient control to allow, the juvenile or minor to remain in any County public place under circumstances not constituting an exception to, or otherwise beyond the scope of, this Division. The term "knowingly" includes knowledge that a parent should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a juvenile or minor in that parent's legal custody. This requirement is intended to hold a neglectful or careless parent up to a reasonable community standard of parental responsibility through an objective test. It shall, therefore, be no defense that a parent was without knowledge of the activities or conduct or whereabouts of such juvenile or minor.

**Sec. 14-105. Operator responsibility.**

It shall be unlawful for any operator of a place open to the op~~er~~parent2



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Division, including enforcement of parental responsibility and of applicable penalties.

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1 the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or  
2 unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

3 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a previously existing obligation or contract  
4 right may not be impaired by this Act.

5 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act  
6 shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

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Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jolene Ivey  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

KEY:  
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.



