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Section 95.01: CURFEW FOR PERSONS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 16 years to be loitering, loafing or idling in any public street, avenue, alley, park or other public place within the City of St. Stephen, between the hours of 9:30 o'clock P.M. and 5:00 o'clock A.M. of the following day, unless accompanied by his or her parents, or guardian, or person having legal custody of his or her person, unless there exists a reasonable necessity for his or her presence. The fact that such person, unaccompanied by parent, guardian or other person having legal custody is found upon any street, alley, avenue or public place at 9:30 o'clock P.M. and before 5:00 o'clock A.M. of the following day, loitering, loafing, or idling, shall be prima facie evidence that such person is there without reasonable necessity.

Section 95.02: RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS. It shall be unlawful for any person, who is the guardian or parent having legal custody of a minor under the age of 16 years, to knowingly permit such minor to violate the provision of Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 95.03: RESPONSIBILITY OF OPERATORS OF PUBLIC PLACES. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation operating or in charge of any kind of amusement, entertainment or refreshment or any other place of business to permit any minor under the age of 16 years to loiter, loaf or idle in such place during the hours prohibited by this ordinance. Whenever the owner or person in charge or control of any place of amusement, entertainment, refreshment, or other place of business shall find persons under the age of 16 years loitering, loafing or idling in such place of business, he shall immediately order such person to leave, and if such person refuses to leave the said place of business, the operator shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and inform them of this violation.

Section 95.04: PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 95.05: SEVERABILITY. Each separate provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and if any provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect.