

**#24 REFERRED TO AS "CURFEW ORDINANCE".
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PRESENCE OF MONORS
UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS OLD IN PUBLIC
STREETS AND OTHER PLACES BETWEEN CERTAIN HOURS**

Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Beech Bottom that it shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of sixteen (16) years to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, or play in or upon the Public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds, wharves, docks or other public grounds, public places and public building places or amusement or entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places, between the hours of 10 P.M. and 6 A.M., PROVIDED, however, that this Ordinance does not apply to a minor accompanied by his parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor, or where the minor is upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor.

It shall be unlawful for a parent having legal custody of a minor to knowingly permit or by inefficient control to allow such minor to violate this Ordinance. The term "knowingly" includes knowledge which a parent should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in that parent's legal custody. It is intended to continue to keep neglectful or careless parents up to a reasonable community standard of parental responsibility through an objective test. It shall, a fortiori, be no defense that a parent was completely indifferent to the activities or conduct or whereabouts of such minor.

Any person who is found guilty of violating the above shall be fined as follows:

- a. First violation – Warning
- b. Second violation - \$50 per occurrence
- c. Third & subsequent violation - \$100 per occurrence

FIRST READING: 08/06/2024
SECOND READING: 09/03/2024
THIRD READING: Waive

ATTEST:

Recorder

Mayor