

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING DISORDERLY PERSONS AND PRESCRIBING THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT WITHIN THE TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD.

Section 1, All drunken persons or persons found intoxicated in any public place in said town;

All persons fighting or quarreling in any public place in said town;

All persons who shall resist any peace officer or policeman, or who shall refuse when called upon to assist him in the discharge of his duty, or who shall aid or assist any person in custody of such peace officer upon charge of a violation of any ordinance of said town of Ridgefield, to escape from such custody;

All persons who shall by noisy, riotous or tumultuous conduct disturb the peace and quiet of said town or any meeting assembled therein;

All persons who shall play football, baseball, or other out-door game of ball in any public street ~~in~~ in said town;

All persons who shall wilfully give a false alarm of fire;

All persons who shall use any vulgar, profane or obscene language or conduct in any public place in said town;

All persons who shall be guilty of fast or immoderate driving or riding of horses in any of the streets, alleys or highways of said town, or ride or drive upon any sidewalk, or obstruct any sidewalk, street, highway or alley in any manner in said town;

All persons who shall wilfully break, mar, injure or deface, any building, fence, awning, window, sign, signboard, tree, shrubbery or other ornamental thing in said town;

All persons who shall remove from or pile up before any door, or on any sidewalk or street, boxes, casks, or ~~any~~ other thing for the purpose of annoyance or mischief, or who shall wilfully tear down, destroy or mutilate any notice or handbill lawfully posted in said town;

All persons who, at time of any fire in said town, shall attempt to obstruct the operation of the fire department, or shall wilfully neglect or refuse to obey, or shall attempt to prevent or obstruct the execution of orders of the officers of the fire department of said town;

All persons (except police officers and other persons whose duty it is to ~~ex~~ execute process or warrants or make arrests) who shall carry upon his or her person any concealed weapon consisting of a revolver, pistol or other firearms or knife (other than an ordinary pocket knife) or dirk, sling shot, or metal knuckles, or any instrument by use of which injury could be inflicted upon the person or property of any other person in said town;

And, all persons (except police officers as aforesaid and persons practicing ~~in~~ in a shooting gallery duly licensed) who shall, within the town limits, fire off or discharge any gun, pistol or fire arm of any kind, ^{except by permit from the Mayor} or any bomb, shall be deemed and are disorderly persons, and guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 2. The town ~~marshal~~ marshal and all policemen and watchmen shall, each and every one of them, have power and are hereby authorized at any and all times to arrest or cause to be arrested, with or without process or warrant any disorderly person or persons found by him or them committing any misdemeanor as defined in section one (1) of this ordinance.

Section 3. Every person so arrested shall forthwith be taken before any committing magistrate of said town, and in case a committing magistrate cannot be found or the arrest is made in the night time, then the officer arresting such person may detain him in custody or commit him to some place for keeping until a committing magistrate can be found, when said offender shall be immediately brought before such committing magistrate to be dealt with as in the next section prescribed.

Section 4. The said committing magistrate or any one of them, shall have

power and it shall be their duty in case of persons brought before them ~~charged with being disorderly persons~~, to proceed summarily to try such person or persons and to hear and determine the alleged offense or charge against them, and on conviction to punish such person or persons by fine in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and such person or persons so convicted shall stand committed until such fine and costs are paid.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval and posting.

Adopted by A. Murray

Read first time Sept 7-09

Read second time, by title, Sept 7-09

Read third time Sept 14-09 & carried over

James A. Smith
Town Clerk

Approved

James A. Smith
Mayor