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9.16.010 Hours of curfew designated.

It is unlawful for any child under the age of eighteen (18) years to ride, loiter, run through, wander, stroll or walk through the streets, roads, avenues or other public places of the borough after the hour of 10:00 p.m., prevailing time, and until 5:00 a.m., prevailing time, unless accompanied by a parent or duly authorized custodian or guardian having control of said minor, except as hereafter provided

(Prior code § 52-1; Ord. No. 2003:23, § 01, 12-30-2003)

9.16.020 Duty of parents or guardians.

It is unlawful for any parent, guardian or duly authorized custodian having legal care or custody of any child under eighteen (18) years of age to allow or permit any such child or ward to ride, loiter, wander, walk, run through or stroll on or about any roads, streets, avenues or other public places in the borough within the time prohibited in section 9.16.010 of this chapter, unless accompanied by a parent or duly authorized custodian, except as hereinafter provided.

(Prior code § 52-2)

9.16.030 Exemption.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any minor child who shall be gainfully employed, who shall be a bona fide student of a school of evening instruction, who shall be in attendance at or participate in a legitimate activity sponsored by a private organization, during the time necessarily required to travel between such minor child's residence and such place of assembly. Per N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.52(d), medical emergencies will be an allowable exemption.

(Prior code § 52-3; Ord. No. 2001:09, §§ 17, 20, 2001)

9.16.040 Authority of police department.

Any member of the police department of the borough is authorized and empowered to take into his or her temporary care and custody any person whom he or she believes to be violating

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this chapter. Said officer is further authorized and empowered to enter any public place and remove said person whom he or she believes is violating this chapter. Said officer shall forthwith notify the parent, guardian or person having control or custody of said child of the alleged violation of this chapter and shall report the violation to the chief of police of the borough and, in due course of his or her duties, shall keep an adequate record thereof. Said officer may either return the person violating this chapter to his or her respective home or require the parent, guardian or person having control and custody of the said child to come to the office of the police department to pick up said child.

(Prior code § 52-5)

9.16.050 Violation by minors.

Upon the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any person under eighteen (18) years of age, any member of the police department of the borough concerned therewith shall determine whether, in his or her discretion, a complaint should be made to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of the County of Camden. In any event, should such person become a repeated violator of the provisions of this chapter as reflected upon the records of the police department of the borough, then a complaint shall be transmitted through the chief of the police department of the borough to the juvenile and domestic relations court for such action as that court, in its discretion, may deem proper.

(Prior code § 52-6)

9.16.060 Penalties for parents or guardians in violation.

Per N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.52(c) any parent or guardian or duly authorized custodian of any child who violates section 9.16.020 of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof in a court of competent jurisdiction, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and performance of community service at the discretion of the judge of the court.

(Prior code § 52-7; Ord. No. 2001:09, § 19, 2001)