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CHAPTER 19: OFFENSE CODE

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 19.000: DEFINITIONS

In this chapter, unless the context requires a different definition, the following shall apply:

Affirmative Defense: Has the meaning specified in Section 556.056, RSMo.

Burden of Injecting the Issue: Has the meaning specified in Section 556.056, RSMo.

Commercial Film and Photographic Print Processor: Any person who develops exposed photographic film into negatives, slides, or prints or who makes prints from negatives or slides for compensation. The term “commercial film and photographic print processor” shall include all employees of such persons but shall not include a person who develops film or makes prints for a public agency.

Confinement:

1. A person is in confinement when he/she is held in a place of confinement pursuant to arrest or order of a court and remains in confinement until:
 - a. A court orders his/her release;
 - b. He/she is released on bail, bond, or recognizance, personal or otherwise; or
 - c. A public servant having the legal power and duty to confine him/her authorizes his/her release without guard and without condition that he/she returns to confinement.
2. A person is not in confinement if:
 - a. He/she is on probation or parole, temporary or otherwise; or
 - b. He/she is under sentence to serve a term of confinement which is not continuous, or is serving a sentence under a work release program, and in either such case is not being held in a place of confinement or is not being held under guard by a person having the legal power and duty to transport him/her to or from a place of confinement.

Consent: Consent or lack of consent may be expressed or implied. Assent does not constitute consent if:

1. It is given by a person who lacks the mental capacity to authorize the conduct charged to constitute the offense and such mental incapacity is manifest or known to the actor;
2. It is given by a person who by reason of youth, mental disease or defect, or intoxication is manifestly unable or know by the actor to be unable to make a reasonable judgment as to the nature or harmfulness of the conduct charged to constitute the offense, or
3. It is induced by force, duress or deception.

Criminal Negligence: Has the meaning specified in Section 562.016, RSMo.

Custody: A person is in custody when he/she has been arrested but has not been delivered to a place of confinement.

Dangerous Felony: The felonies of arson in the first degree, assault in the first degree, attempted forcible rape if physical injury results, attempted forcible sodomy if physical injury results, forcible rape, forcible sodomy, kidnapping, murder in the second degree, assault of a Law Enforcement Officer in the first degree, domestic assault in the first degree, elder abuse in the first degree, robbery in the first degree, statutory rape in the first degree when the victim is a child less than twelve (12) years of age at the time of the commission of the act giving rise to the offense, statutory sodomy in the first degree when the victim is less than twelve (12) years of age at the time of the commission of the act giving rise to the offense, and abuse of a child pursuant to Subdivision (2) of Subsection (3) of Section 568.060, RSMo., child kidnapping, and parental kidnapping committed by detaining or concealing the whereabouts of the child for not less than one hundred twenty (120) days under Section 565.153, RSMo.

Dangerous Instrument: Any instrument, article, or substance which, under circumstances in which it is used, is readily capable of causing death or other serious physical injury.

Deadly Weapon: Any firearm, loaded or unloaded, or any weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or serious physical injury, may be discharged or a switchblade knife, dagger, billy, blackjack, or metal knuckles.

Felony: Has the meaning specified in Section 556.016, RSMo.

Forcible Compulsion: Means either:

1. Physical force that overcomes reasonable resistance; or
2. A threat, express or implied, that places a person in reasonable fear of death, serious physical injury, or kidnapping of himself/herself or another person.

Incapacitated: That physical or mental condition, temporary or permanent, in which a person is unconscious, unable to appraise the nature of his/her conduct, or unable to communicate unwillingness to an act. A person is not “incapacitated” with respect to an act committed upon him/her if he/she became unconscious, unable to appraise the nature of his/her conduct, or unable to communicate unwillingness to an act after consenting to the act.

Infraction: Has the meaning specified in Section 556.021, RSMo.

Inhabitable Structure: Has the meaning specified in Section 569.010, RSMo and as defined in the City of Ashland Municipal Code.

Knowingly: Has the meaning specified in Section 562.016, RSMo.

Law Enforcement Officer: Any public servant having both the power and duty to make arrests for violations of the laws of this State, and Federal Law Enforcement Officers authorized to carry firearms and to make arrests for violation of the laws of the United States.

Misdemeanor: Has the meaning specified in Section 556.016, RSMo.

Offense: Any felony, misdemeanor, or infraction.

Physical Injury: Physical pain, illness, or any impairment or physical condition.

Place of Confinement: Any building or facility and the grounds thereof wherein a court is legally authorized to order that a person charged with or convicted of a crime be held.

Possess or Possessed: Having actual or constructive possession of an object with knowledge of its presence. A person has actual possession if he/she has the object on his/her person or within easy reach and convenient control. A person has constructive possession if he/she has the power and the intention at a given time to exercise dominion or control over the object either directly or through another person or persons. Possession may also be sole or joint. If one (1) person alone has possession of an object, possession is sole. If two (2) or more persons share possession of an object, possession is joint.

Public Servant: Any person employed in any way by a government of this State who is compensated by the government by reason of his/her employment, any person appointed to a position with any government of this state, or any person elected to, legislators, jurors, members of the judiciary and Law Enforcement Officers. It does not include witnesses.

Purposely: Has the meaning specified in Section 562.016, RSMo.

Recklessly: Has the meaning specified in Section 562.016, RSMo.

Ritual or Ceremony: An act or series of acts performed by two (2) or more persons as part of an established or prescribed pattern of activity.

Serious Emotional Injury: An injury that creates a substantial risk of temporary or permanent medical or psychological damage manifested by impairment of a behavioral, cognitive, or physical condition. "Serious emotional injury" shall be established by testimony of qualified experts upon the reasonable expectation of probable harm to a reasonable degree of medical or psychological certainty.

Serious Physical Injury: Physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes serious disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any part of the body.

Sexual Conduct: Acts of human masturbation; deviate sexual intercourse; sexual intercourse; or physical contact with a person's clothed or unclothed genitals, public area, buttocks, or the breast of a female in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification.

Sexual Contact: Any touching of the genitals or anus of any person, or the breast of any female person, or any such touching through the clothing for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire of any person.

Sexual Performance: Any performance, or part thereof, which included sexual conduct by a child who is less than seventeen (17) years of age.

Voluntary Act: Has the meaning specified in Section 562.011, RSMo. (RSMo §556.061, 2006, 2008).

Article II. Offenses Against the Person

SECTION 19.005: Assault

A person commits the offense of assault if:

1. The person attempts to cause or recklessly causes physical injury to another person; or
2. With criminal negligence the person causes physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon; or
3. The person purposely places another person in apprehension of immediate physical injury; or
4. The person recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury to another person; or
5. The person knowingly causes physical contact with another person knowing the other person will regard the contact as offensive or provocative; or
6. The person knowingly causes physical contact with an incapacitated person, as defined in Section 475.010 RSMo., which a reasonable person, who is not incapacitated, would consider offensive or provocative. (RSMO §565.070).

SECTION 19.010: Domestic Assault

A person commits the offense of domestic assault if the act involves a family or household member or an adult who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the actor as defined in Section 455.010, RSMo.; and

1. The person attempts to cause or recklessly causes physical injury to such family or household member;
2. With criminal negligence the person causes physical injury to such family or household member by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument;
3. The person purposely places such family or household member in apprehension of immediate physical injury by any means;
4. The person recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury to such family or household member;
5. The person knowingly causes physical contact with such family or household member knowing the other person will regard the contact as offensive; or
6. The person knowingly attempts to cause or causes the isolation of such family or household member by unreasonably and substantially restricting or limiting such family or household member's access to other persons, telecommunication devices or transportation for the purpose of isolation. (RSMo §565.074).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.015: Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer, Corrections Officer, Emergency Personnel, Highway Worker, Probation and Parole Officer, or City Employee

- A. A person commits the offense of assault of a Law Enforcement Officer, Corrections Officer, Emergency Personnel, Highway Worker in a construction zone or work zone, Probation and Parole Officer, or City Employee if:
 - 1. Such person recklessly causes physical injury to a Law Enforcement Officer, Corrections Officer, Emergency Personnel, Highway Worker in a construction zone or work zone, Probation and Parole Officer, or City Employee;
 - 2. Such person purposely places a Law Enforcement Officer, Corrections Officer, Emergency Personnel, Highway Worker in a construction zone or work zone, Probation and Parole Officer, or City Employee in apprehension of immediate physical injury;
 - 3. Such person knowingly causes or attempts to cause physical contact with a Law Enforcement Officer, Corrections Officer, Emergency Personnel, Highway Worker in a construction zone or work zone, Probation and Parole Officer, or City Employee without the consent of the Law Enforcement Officer, Corrections Officer, Emergency Personnel, Highway Worker in a construction zone or work zone, Probation and Parole Officer, or City Employee.
- B. As used in this Section, “emergency personnel” means any paid or volunteer firefighter, emergency room or trauma center personnel, or emergency medical technician as defined in Subdivisions (15), (16), (17), and (18) of Section 190.100, RSMo.
- C. As used in this Section, the term “Corrections Officer” includes any jailor or Corrections Officer of the State or any political subdivision of the State.
- D. As used in this Section, the term “Highway Worker”, “Construction Zone”, or “Work Zone” shall have the same meaning as such terms are defined in Section 304.580, RSMo.

SECTION 19.020: Harassment

- A. A person commits the offense of harassment if he or she:
 - 1. Knowingly communicates a threat to commit any felony to another person and in so doing frightens, intimidates, or causes emotional distress to such other person;
 - 2. When communication with another person, knowingly uses course language offensive to one of the average sensibility and thereby puts such person in reasonable apprehension of offensive physical contact or harm;
 - 3. Knowingly frightens, intimidates, or causes emotional distress to another person by anonymously making a telephone call or any electronic communication;
 - 4. Knowingly communicates with another person who is, or who purports to be, seventeen, (17) years of age or younger and in so doing and without good cause recklessly frightens, intimidates, or causes emotional distress to such other person;

5. Knowingly makes repeated unwanted communication to another person; or
6. Without good cause engages in any other act with the purpose to frighten, intimidate, or cause emotional distress to another person, cause such person to be frightened, intimidated, or emotionally distressed, and such person's response to the act is one of a person of average sensibilities considering the age of such person.

B. Harassment is an ordinance violation unless:

1. Committed by a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older against a person seventeen (17) years of age or younger; or
2. The person has previously pleaded guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of this Section, or of any offense committed in violation of any County or Municipal ordinance in any State, any State law, any Federal law, or any military law which, in committed in this State, would be chargeable or indictable as a violation of any offense listed in this Subsection.

C. This Section shall not apply to activities of Federal, State, County, or Municipal Law Enforcement Officers conducting investigations of violation of Federal, State, County, or Municipal law. (RSMo. §565.090, 2008).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.025: Peeping Toms

Whoever shall be found in the city trespassing upon the premises of another whereon is located a dwelling house during the hours between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, such person being upon such premises and being then and there engaged in peeping or peering into such dwelling house, or being upon such premises with the intention of peeping or peering into such dwelling house, shall be deemed guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 19.030: Stalking – Definitions

A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall mean:

Course of Conduct: A pattern of conduct composed of two (2) or more acts, which may include communication by any means, over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose. Constitutionally protected activity is not included within the meaning of course of conduct. Such constitutionally protected activity includes picketing or other organized protests.

Credible Threat: A threat communicated with the intent to cause the person who is the target of the threat to reasonably fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her family, or household members or domestic animals or livestock as defined in Section 276.606, RSMo., kept at such person's residence or on such person's property. The threat must be against the life of, or a threat to cause physical injury to, or the kidnapping of, the person, the person's family, or the person's household members or domestic animals or livestock as defined in Section 276.606, RSMo., kept at such person residence or on such person's property.

Harasses: To engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that serves no legitimate purpose, that would cause a reasonable person under the circumstances to be frightened, intimidated, or emotionally distressed.

- B. A person commits the offense of stalking if he or she purposely, through his or her course of conduct, harasses or follows with the intent of harassing another person.
- C. The offense of stalking shall be an ordinance violation unless the person has previously pleaded guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of this Section, or of any offense committed in violation of any County or Municipal ordinance in any State, any State law, any Federal law, or any military law which, if committed in this State, would be chargeable or indictable as a violation of any offense listed in this Section.
- D. Any Law Enforcement Officer may arrest, without a warrant, any person he or she has probable cause to believe has violated the provisions of this Section.
- E. This Section shall not apply to activities of Federal, State, County, or Municipal Law Enforcement Officers conducting investigations of violation of Federal, State, County, or Municipal law. (RSMo. §565.225, 2008).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.035: False Imprisonment

A person commits the offense of false imprisonment if he/she knowingly restrains another unlawfully and without consent so as to interfere substantially with his/her liberty. (RSMo. §565.130)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.040: Endangering the Welfare of a Child

- A. A person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a child if:
 - 1. He/she with criminal negligence acts in a manner that creates a substantial risk to the life, body or health of a child less than seventeen (17) years old;
 - 2. He/she knowingly encourages, aids or causes a child less than seventeen (17) years old to engage in any conduct which causes or tends to cause the child to come within the provisions of Paragraph (d) of Subdivision (2) of Subsection (1) or Subdivision (3) of Subsection (1) of Section 211.031, RSMo.;
 - 3. Being a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child less than seventeen (17) years old, he/she recklessly fails or refuses to exercise reasonable diligence in the care or control of such child to prevent him/her from coming within the provisions of Paragraph (c) of Subdivision (1) of Subsection (1) or Paragraph (d) of Subdivision (2) of Subsection (1) or Subdivision (3) of Subsection (1) of Section 211.031, RSMo.;
 - 4. He/she knowingly encourages, aids or causes a child less than seventeen (17) years of age to enter into any room, building or other structure which is a public nuisance as defined in Section 195.130, RSMo.; or
 - 5. He/she operates a vehicle in violation of Subdivision (2) or (3) of Subsection (1) of Section 565.024, RSMo. or Subdivision (4) of Subsection (1) of Section 565.060, RSMo., or Sections 342.020 or 342.030 of the Traffic Code of the City, while a child less than seventeen (17) years old is present in the vehicle.

- B. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to mean the welfare of a child is endangered for the sole reason that he/she is being provided non-medical remedial treatment recognized and permitted under the laws of this State. (RSMo. §568.050, 2005, 2006).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.045: Leaving a Child Unattended in a Motor Vehicle

- A. Definitions: As used in this Section, the following terms shall have these prescribed meanings:

Collision: The act of a motor vehicle coming into contact with an object or a person.

Injury: Physical harm to the body of a person.

Motor Vehicle: Any automobile, truck, truck tractor, or any motorbus or motor propelled vehicle not exclusively operated or driven on fixed rails or tracks.

Unattended: Not accompanied by an individual fourteen (14) years of age or older.

- B. A person commits the offense of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle if such person knowingly leaves a child ten (10) years of age or less unattended in a motor vehicle and such child injures another person by causing a motor vehicle collision or by causing the motor vehicle to injure a pedestrian. (RSMo. §568.052).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

Article III. Offenses Concerning Administration of Justice

SECTION 19.100: Concealing an Offense

A person commits the offense of concealing an offense if:

1. He/she confers or agrees to confer any pecuniary benefit or other consideration to any person in consideration of that person's concealing of any offense, refraining from initiating or aiding in the prosecution of an offense, or withholding any evidence thereof; or
2. He/she accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit or other consideration in consideration of his/her concealing any offense, refraining from initiating or aiding in the prosecution of an offense, or withholding any evidence thereof. (RSMo. §575.020)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.105: Hindering Prosecution

A person commits the offense of hindering prosecution if for the purpose of preventing the apprehension, prosecution, conviction or punishment of another for conduct constituting a crime he/she:

1. Harbors or conceals such person;
2. Warns such person of impending discovery or apprehension, except this does not apply to a warning given in connection with an effort to bring another into compliance with the law;
3. Provides such person with money, transportation, weapon, disguise or other means to aid him/her in avoiding discovery or apprehension; or
4. Prevents or obstructs, by means of force, deception or intimidation, anyone from performing an act that might aid in the discovery or apprehension of such person. (RSMo. §575.030).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.110: Deceiving a law enforcement officer

A. A person commits the offense of deceiving a law enforcement officer if he shall knowingly deceive a law enforcement officer for the following purposes:

1. To prevent discovery of any offense or crime which has been or is being committed by any person; or
2. To prevent or hinder investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction or punishments of any person for conduct constituting an offense under the ordinances of the city or the laws of the state.

B. It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the actor retracted the false information or removed the deception but this defense shall not apply if the retraction or removal was made after:

1. The falsity of the information or the deception was exposed; or

2. Any law enforcement officer took substantial action in reliance on the false information or deception.

C. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue of retraction or removal under paragraph (b) of this section.

D. Deceiving a law enforcement officer is a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 19.115: Refusal to Identify as a Witness

A person commits the offense of refusal to identify as a witness if, knowing he/she has witnessed any portion of a crime, or of any other incident resulting in physical injury or substantial property damage, upon demand by a Law Enforcement Officer engaged in the performance of his/her official duties, he/she refuses to report or gives a false report of his/her name and present address to such officer. (RSMo. §575.190).

SECTION 19.120: Disturbing a Judicial Proceeding

A person commits the offense of disturbing a judicial proceeding if, with purpose to intimidate a judge, attorney, juror, party or witness and thereby to influence a judicial proceeding, he/she disrupts or disturbs a judicial proceeding by participating in an assembly and calling aloud, shouting, or holding or displaying a placard or sign containing written or printed matter concerning the conduct of the judicial proceeding or the character of a judge, attorney, juror, party or witness engaged in such proceeding, or calling for or demanding any specified action or determination by such judge, attorney, juror, party or witness in connection with such proceeding. (RSMo. §575.250).

SECTION 19.125: Tampering with a Witness – Tampering with a Victim

A. A person commits the offense of tampering with a witness if, with purpose to induce a witness or a prospective witness to disobey a subpoena or other legal process, or to absent himself/herself or avoid subpoena or other legal process, or to withhold evidence, information or documents, or to testify falsely, he/she:

1. Threatens or causes harm to any person or property;
2. Uses force, threats or deception;
3. Offers, confers or agrees to confer any benefit, direct or indirect, upon such witness; or
4. Conveys any of the foregoing to another in furtherance of a conspiracy.

B. A person commits the offense of "victim tampering" if, with purpose to do so, he/she prevents or dissuades or attempts to prevent or dissuade any person who has been a victim of any crime or a person who is acting on behalf of any such victim from:

1. Making any report of such victimization to any Peace Officer or State, local or Federal Law Enforcement Officer or prosecuting agency or to any judge;
2. Causing a complaint, indictment or information to be sought and prosecuted or assisting in the prosecution thereof; or

3. Arresting or causing or seeking the arrest of any person in connection with such victimization. (RSMo. §575.270, 2005).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.130: Tampering with Physical Evidence

A person commits the offense of tampering with physical evidence if he/she:

1. Alters, destroys, suppresses or conceals any record, document or thing with the purpose to impair its verity, legibility or availability in any official proceeding or investigation; or
2. Makes, presents or uses any record, document or thing knowing it to be false with purpose to mislead a public servant who is or may be engaged in any official proceeding or investigation. (RSMo. §575.100)

SECTION 19.135: Improper Communication

A person commits the offense of improper communication if he/she communicates, directly or indirectly, with any juror, special master, referee or arbitrator in a judicial proceeding, other than as part of the proceedings in a case, for the purpose of influencing the official action of such person. (RSMo. §575.290).

SECTION 19.140: False Impersonation

A. A person commits the offense of false impersonation if such person:

1. Falsely represents himself/herself to be a public servant with purpose to induce another to submit to his/her pretended official authority or to rely upon his/her pretended official acts, and
 - a. Performs an act in that pretended capacity; or
 - b. Causes another to act in reliance upon his/her pretended official authority.
2. Falsely represents himself/herself to be a person licensed to practice or engage in any profession for which a license is required by the laws of this State with purpose to induce another to rely upon such representation, and
 - a. Performs an act in that pretended capacity; or
 - b. Causes another to act in reliance upon such representation.
3. Upon being arrested, falsely represents himself/herself, to a Law Enforcement Officer, with the first and last name, date of birth or Social Security number, or a substantial number of identifying factors or characteristics as that of another person that results in the filing of a report or record of arrest or conviction for an infraction, misdemeanor or felony that contains the first and last name, date of birth and Social Security number, or a substantial number of identifying factors or characteristics to that of such other person as to cause such other person to be identified as the actual person arrested or convicted.

- B. If a violation of Subsection (A)(3) hereof is discovered prior to any conviction of the person actually arrested for an underlying charge, then the prosecuting attorney, bringing any action on the underlying charge shall notify the court thereof, and the court shall order the false-identifying factors ascribed to the person actually arrested as are contained in the arrest and court records amended to correctly and accurately identify the defendant and shall expunge the incorrect and inaccurate identifying factors from the arrest and court records.
- C. Any person who is the victim of a false impersonation and whose identity has been falsely reported in arrest or conviction records may move for expungement and correction of said records under the procedures set forth in Section 610.123, RSMo. Upon a showing that a substantial number of identifying factors of the victim was falsely ascribed to the person actually arrested or convicted, the court shall order the false identifying factors ascribed to the person actually arrested as are contained in the arrest and court records amended to correctly and accurately identify the defendant and shall expunge the incorrect and inaccurate factors from the arrest and court records. (RSMo. §575.120, 2004).

SECTION 19.145: False Reports

- A. A person commits the offense of making a false report if he/she knowingly:
 - 1. Gives false information to any person for the purpose of implicating another person in a crime or offense;
 - 2. Makes a false report to a Law Enforcement Officer that a crime or offense has occurred or is about to occur; or
 - 3. Makes a false report or causes a false report to be made to a Law Enforcement Officer, security officer, Fire Department or other organization, official or volunteer which deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property that a fire or other incident calling for an emergency response has occurred or is about to occur.
- B. It is a defense to a prosecution under Subsection (A) of this Section that the actor retracted the false statement or report before the Law Enforcement Officer or any other person took substantial action in reliance thereon.
- C. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue of retraction under Subsection (B) of this Section. (RSMo. §575.080)

SECTION 19.150: Resisting or Interfering with Arrest, Detention, or Stop

- A. A person commits the offense of resisting or interfering with arrest, detention or stop if, knowing that a Law Enforcement Officer is making an arrest or attempting to lawfully detain or stop an individual or vehicle, or the person reasonably should know that a Law Enforcement Officer is making an arrest or attempting to lawfully detain or lawfully stop an individual or vehicle, for the purpose of preventing the officer from effecting the arrest, stop or detention, the person:
 - 1. Resists the arrest, stop or detention of such person by using or threatening the use of violence or physical force or by fleeing from such officer; or

2. Interferes with the arrest, stop or detention of another person by using or threatening the use of violence, physical force or physical interference.
- B. This Section applies to:
1. Arrests, stops or detentions with or without warrants;
 2. Arrests, stops or detentions for any crime, infraction or ordinance violation; and
 3. Arrests for warrants issued by a court or a probation and parole officer.
- C. A person is presumed to be fleeing a vehicle stop if that person continues to operate a motor vehicle after that person has seen or should have seen clearly visible emergency lights or has heard or should have heard an audible signal emanating from the law enforcement vehicle pursuing that person.
- D. It is no defense to a prosecution under Subsection (A) of this Section that the Law Enforcement Officer was acting unlawfully in making the arrest. However, nothing in this Section shall be construed to bar civil suits for unlawful arrest. (RSMo. §575.150, 2009).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.155: Escape or Attempted Escape from Custody

A person commits the offense of escape from custody or attempted escape from custody if, while being held in custody after arrest for any crime or offense, he/she escapes or attempts to escape from custody. (RSMo. §575.200).

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.160: Interference with Legal Process

- A. A person commits the offense of interference with legal process if, knowing any person is authorized by law to serve process, for the purpose of preventing such person from effecting the service of any process, he/she interferes with or obstructs such person.
- B. "Process" includes any writ, summons, subpoena, warrant other than an arrest warrant, or other process or order of a court. (RSMo. §575.160)

Article IV: Offenses Concerning Public Safety

SECTION 19.200: Abandonment of Airtight or Semi Airtight Containers

- A. A person commits the offense of abandonment of airtight icebox if he/she abandons, discards or knowingly permits to remain on premises under his/her control, in a place accessible to children, any abandoned or discarded icebox, refrigerator or other airtight or semi-airtight container which has a capacity of one and one half (1½) cubic feet or more and an opening of fifty (50) square inches or more and which has a door or lid equipped with hinge, latch or other fastening device capable of securing such door or lid without rendering such equipment harmless to human life by removing such hinges, latches or other hardware which may cause a person to be confined therein.
- B. Subsection (A) of this Section does not apply to an icebox, refrigerator or other airtight or semi-airtight container located in that part of a building occupied by a dealer, warehouseman or repairman.
- C. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue under Subsection (B) of this Section. (RSMo. §577.100)

SECTION 19.205: Littering

A person commits the offense of littering if he/she throws or places or causes to be thrown or placed any glass, glass bottles, wire, nails, tacks, hedge, cans, garbage, trash, refuse or rubbish of any kind, nature or description on the right-of-way of any public road or State highway or on or in any of the waters in this City or on the banks of any stream or on any land or water owned, operated or leased by the State, any board, department, agency or commission thereof or on any land or water owned, operated or leased by the Federal Government or the City, or on any private real property owned by another without his/her consent. (RSMo. §577.070)

SECTION 19.210: Littering via Carcasses

- A. If any person or persons shall put any dead animal, carcass or part thereof, the offal or any other filth into any well, spring, brook, branch, creek, pond or lake, every person so offending shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- B. If any person shall remove or cause to be removed and placed in or near any public road or highway, or upon premises not his/her own, or in any river, stream or watercourse any dead animal, carcass or part thereof, or other nuisance to the annoyance of the citizens of this City, or any of them, every person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined for every offense not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and if such nuisance be not removed within three (3) days thereafter, it shall be deemed a second (2nd) offense against the provisions of this Section. (RSMo. §577.076)

SECTION 19.215: Corrupting or Diverting Water Supply

Whoever willfully or maliciously poisons, defiles or in any way corrupts the water of a well, spring, brook or reservoir used for domestic or municipal purposes, or whoever willfully or maliciously diverts, dams up and holds back from its natural course and flow any spring, brook or other water supply for domestic or municipal purposes, after said water supply shall have once been taken for use by any person or persons, corporation, Town or City for their use, shall be adjudged guilty of an ordinance violation and punished by a fine not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the County Jail not exceeding ninety

(90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and shall be liable to the party injured for three (3) times the actual damage sustained, to be recovered by suit at law. (RSMo. §577.150)

SECTION 19.220: IMPEDING THE USE OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS OR ALLEYS

It shall be unlawful for any person to impede, obstruct or interfere with the free use of any street, sidewalk, alley or public way by:

(1) Sitting, standing, lying, or any other conduct with the intent to impede, obstruct or interfere with such free use of any street, sidewalk, alley or public way. (added by Ordinance No. 1005, 11-18-2014)

SECTION 19.221: UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF A DRONE

A. The following definitions apply to this section:

Aircraft means any contrivance invented, used, or designed to navigate, or fly in, the air.

Drone means an unmanned aircraft that is operated as part of an unmanned aircraft system.

Unmanned aircraft system means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

Unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft and its associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the safe and efficient operation of the unmanned aircraft in the national airspace system.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to fly a drone at any location within the City that is within one mile of the air traffic control tower at Columbia Regional Airport. The approximate boundaries of the one mile radius for the control tower are:

Highway 63 to the West of the control tower,
Highway H to the North of the control tower,
East New Salem Lane to the South of the control tower, and
South Clinkenbeard Road to the East of the control tower

C. It shall be unlawful to fly a drone that weighs 55 pounds or more.

D. It shall be unlawful to fly a drone higher than 130 feet. (This is the approximate height of the Ashland Water Towers.)

E. It shall be unlawful to fly a drone over the property of another without first obtaining the permission of an owner or lawful occupant of the property.

F. It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of subsections B,C and D of this section that the person flying the drone had the permission of the air traffic control tower operator and gave prior notification to the airport manager. (updated by Ordinance No. 1046, December 1, 2015)

Article V. Offenses Concerning Public Peace

SECTION 19.300: Peace Disturbance

A person commits the offense of peace disturbance if:

1. He/she unreasonably and knowingly disturbs or alarms another person or persons by:
 - a. Loud noise;
 - b. Offensive language addressed in a face to face manner to a specific individual and uttered under circumstances which are likely to produce an immediate violent response from a reasonable recipient;
 - c. Threatening to commit a felonious act against any person under circumstances which are likely to cause a reasonable person to fear that such threat may be carried out;
 - d. Fighting; or
 - e. Creating a noxious and offensive odor.
2. He/she is in a public place or on private property of another without consent and purposely causes inconvenience to another person or persons by unreasonably and physically obstructing:
 - a. Vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or
 - b. The free ingress or egress to or from a public or private place. (RSMo. §574.010)

SECTION 19.305: Private Peace Disturbance

A person commits the offense of private peace disturbance if he/she is on private property and unreasonably and purposely causes alarm to another person or persons on the same premises by:

1. Threatening to commit a crime or offense against any person; or
2. Fighting. (RSMo. §574.020)

SECTION 19.310: Peace Disturbance Definitions

For the purposes of Sections 19.300 and 19.305, the following words shall have the meanings set out herein:

Private Property: Any place which at the time is not open to the public. It includes property which is owned publicly or privately.

Property of Another: Any property in which the actor does not have a possessory interest.

Public Place: Any place which at the time is open to the public. It includes property which is owned publicly or privately.

If a building or structure is divided into separately occupied units, such units are separate premises. (RSMo. §574.030)

SECTION 19.315: Unlawful Assembly

A person commits the offense of unlawful assembly if he/she knowingly assembles with six (6) or more other persons and agrees with such persons to violate any of the criminal laws of this State, the City of Ashland, or of the United States with force or violence. (RSMo. §574.040)

SECTION 19.320: Rioting

A person commits the offense of rioting if he/she knowingly assembles with six (6) or more other persons and agrees with such persons to violate any of the criminal laws of this State or of the United States with force or violence and thereafter, while still so assembled, does violate any of said laws with force or violence. (RSMo. §574.050)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.325: Refusal to Disperse

A person commits the offense of refusal to disperse if, being present at the scene of an unlawful assembly or at the scene of a riot, he/she knowingly fails or refuses to obey the lawful command of a Law Enforcement Officer to depart from the scene of such unlawful assembly or riot. (RSMo. §574.060)

SECTION 19.326: Unlawful Panhandling

A. "Panhandling" means any solicitation made in person requesting an immediate donation of money or other thing of value from another person. "Panhandling" also means any solicitation for the purchase of an item for an amount far exceeding its value, under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the purchase is in substance a donation. Panhandling does not include passively standing or sitting with a sign or other indication that one is seeking donations, without addressing any solicitation to any specific person other than in response to an inquiry by that person.

B. (1) It shall be unlawful to panhandle on any date after sunset or before sunrise.

(2) It shall be unlawful to panhandle on residential or private property after having been asked to leave or refrain from panhandling by the owner or other person lawfully in charge of the property or lawfully in possession of the property.

(3) It shall be unlawful to panhandle when either the panhandler or the person being solicited is located in any of the following places:

- (a) Within twenty (20) feet of a public toilet;
- (b) Within twenty (20) feet of an automated teller machine;
- (c) Within ten (10) feet of an entrance to a building; or
- (d) Within twenty (20) feet of an entrance to a bank, savings and loan or other financial institution.

(4) It shall be unlawful to panhandle when the person solicited is waiting in any line, is seated at an outdoor dining facility or is in a motor vehicle.

(5) It shall be unlawful to panhandle in an aggressive manner, including taking any of the following actions:

- (1) Continuing to solicit from a person after the person has given a negative response to the solicitation;
- (2) Touching the solicited person without the solicited person's consent;
- (3) Blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;
- (4) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person solicited;
- (5) Closely following behind, ahead or alongside a person who walks away from the panhandler after being solicited;
- (6) Using profane or abusive language which is likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction from the person being solicited;
- (7) Panhandling in a group of two (2) or more persons; or
- (8) Panhandling with the intent to intimidate another person into giving money or other thing of value.

(added Ordinance No. 1004 11-18-2014)

Article VI. Offenses Concerning Weapons and Firearms

SECTION 19.400: Definitions

The following words, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings set out herein:

Antique, Curio or Relic Firearm: Any firearm so defined by the National Gun Control Act, 18 U.S.C. Title 26, Section 5845, and the United States Treasury/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 27 CFR Section 178.11:

1. Antique firearm is any firearm not designed or redesigned for using rim fire or conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898, said ammunition not being manufactured any longer; this includes any matchlock, wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type ignition system, or replica thereof.
2. Curio or relic firearm is any firearm deriving value as a collectible weapon due to its unique design, ignition system, operation or at least fifty (50) years old, associated with a historical event, renowned personage or major war.

Blackjack: Any instrument that is designed or adapted for the purpose of stunning or inflicting physical injury by striking a person, and which is readily capable of lethal use.

Blasting Agent: Any material or mixture, consisting of fuel and oxidizer that is intended for blasting, but not otherwise defined as an explosive under this Section, provided that the finished product, as mixed for use of shipment, cannot be detonated by means of a numbered 8 test blasting cap when unconfined.

Concealable Firearm: Any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen (16) inches in length, measured from the face of the bolt or standing breech.

Deface: To alter or destroy the manufacturers or importer's serial number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark.

Detonator: Any device containing a detonating charge that is used for initiating detonation in an explosive, including but not limited to, electric blasting caps of instantaneous and delay types, non-electric blasting caps for use with safety fuse or shock tube and detonating cord delay connectors.

Explosive Weapon: Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas bomb or similar device designed or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death, serious physical injury or substantial property damage; or any device designed or adapted for delivering or shooting such a weapon. For the purposes of this Article, the term "explosive" shall mean any chemical compound mixture or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion, including but not limited to, dynamite and other high explosives, pellet powder, initiating explosives, detonators, safety fuses, squibs, detonating cords, igniter cords, and igniters or blasting agents.

Firearm: Any weapon that is designed or adapted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

Firearm Silencer: Any instrument, attachment or appliance that is designed or adapted to muffle the noise made by the firing of any firearm.

Gas Gun: Any gas ejection device, weapon, cartridge, container or contrivance, other than a gas bomb, that is designed or adapted for the purpose of ejecting any poison gas that will cause death or serious physical injury, but not any device that ejects a repellent or temporary incapacitating substance.

Intoxicated: Substantially impaired mental or physical capacity resulting from introduction of any substance into the body.

Knife: Any dagger, dirk, stiletto, or bladed hand instrument that is readily capable of inflicting serious physical injury or death by cutting or stabbing a person. For purposes of this Article, "knife" does not include any ordinary pocketknife with no blade more than four (4) inches in length.

Knuckles: Any instrument that consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance that is designed or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious physical injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles.

Machine Gun: Any firearm that is capable of firing more than one (1) shot automatically, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

Projectile Weapon: Any bow, crossbow, pellet gun, slingshot or other weapon that is not a firearm, which is capable of expelling a projectile that could inflict serious physical injury or death by striking or piercing a person.

Rifle: Any firearm designed or adapted to be fired from the shoulder and to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire a projectile through a rifled bore by a single function of the trigger.

Short Barrel: A barrel length of less than sixteen (16) inches for a rifle and eighteen (18) inches for a shotgun, both measured from the face of the bolt or standing breech, or an overall rifle or shotgun length of less than twenty six (26) inches.

Shotgun: Any firearm designed or adapted to be fired from the shoulder and to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire a number of shot or a single projectile through a smooth bore barrel by a single function of the trigger.

Spring Gun: Any fused, timed or non-manually controlled trap or device designed or adapted to set off an explosion for the purpose of inflicting serious physical injury or death.

Switchblade Knife: Any knife which has a blade that folds or closes into the handle or sheath, and

1. That opens automatically by pressure applied to a button or other device located on the handle; or
2. That opens or releases from the handle or sheath by the force of gravity or by the application of centrifugal force. (RSMo. §571.010, 2008)

SECTION 19.405: Unlawful use of weapons-exceptions

1. A person commits the offense of unlawful use of weapons, except as otherwise provided by Sections 571.101 to 571.121 RSMo., if he or she knowingly:
 - (1) Carries concealed upon or about his or her person a knife, a firearm, a blackjack or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any area where firearms are restricted under Section 19.430; or
 - (2) Sets a spring gun; or
 - (3) Discharges or shoots a firearm within the City limits except in defense of person or property, subject to the provisions of Chapter 563 RSMo; or
 - (4) Exhibits, in the presence of one or more persons, any weapon readily capable of lethal use in an angry or threatening manner; or

- (5) Has a firearm or projectile weapon readily capable of lethal use on his or her person, while he or she is intoxicated, and handles or otherwise uses such firearm or projectile weapon in either a negligent or unlawful manner or discharges such firearm or projectile weapon unless acting in self-defense; or
 - (6) Carries a firearm or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any church or place where people have assembled for worship, or into any election precinct on any election day, or into any building owned or occupied by any agency of the federal government, state government, or political subdivision thereof; or
 - (7) Carries a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or onto the premises of any function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials or the district school board; or
 - (8) Possesses a firearm while also knowingly in possession of a controlled substance that is sufficient for a felony violation of section 579.015 RSMo.
2. Subdivisions (1), (6), and (7) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to the persons described in this subsection, regardless of whether such uses are reasonably associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to or affect any of the following persons, when such uses are reasonably associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties, except as otherwise provided in this subsection:
- (1) A state, county and municipal peace officers who have completed the training required by the police officer standards and training commission pursuant to sections 590.030 to 590.050 RSMo. and who possess the duty and power of arrest for violation of the general criminal laws of the state or for violation of ordinances of counties or municipalities of the state, whether such officers are on or off duty, and whether such officers are within or outside of the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction, or all qualified retired peace officers, as defined in subsection 8 of this section, and who carry the identification defined in subsection 9 of this section, or any person summoned by such officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while actually engaged in assisting such officer;
 - (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of crime;
 - (3) Members of the Armed Forces or National Guard while performing their official duty;
 - (4) Those persons vested by Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Missouri with the judicial power of the state and those persons vested by Article III of the Constitution of the United States with the judicial power of the United States, the members of the federal judiciary;
 - (5) Any person whose bona fide duty is to execute process, civil or criminal;
 - (6) Any federal probation officer or federal flight deck officer as defined under the federal flight deck officer program, 49 U.S.C. Section 44921, regardless of whether such officers are on duty, or within the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction;
 - (7) Any state probation or parole officer, including supervisors and members of the board of probation and parole;
 - (8) Any corporate security advisor meeting the definition and fulfilling the requirements of the regulations established by the department of public safety under section 590.750 RSMo.,
 - (9) Any coroner, deputy coroner, medical examiner, or assistant medical examiner;
 - (10) Any municipal or county prosecuting attorney or assistant prosecuting attorney; circuit attorney or assistant circuit attorney; municipal, associate, or circuit judge; or any person appointed by a court to be a special prosecutor who has completed the firearms safety training course required under subsection 2 of section 571.111 RSMo.;
 - (11) Any member of a fire department or fire protection district who is employed on a full-time basis as a fire investigator and who has a valid concealed carry endorsement issued prior to August 28,

2013, or a valid concealed carry permit under section 571.111 RSMo. when such uses are reasonably associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties; and

- (12) Upon the written approval of the governing body of a fire department or fire protection district, any paid fire department or fire protection district member who is employed on a full-time basis and who has a valid concealed carry endorsement issued prior to August 28, 2013, or a valid concealed carry permit, when such uses are reasonably associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties.
3. Subdivisions (1), (5), (6), and (7) of subsection 1 of this section do not apply when the actor is transporting such weapons in a nonfunctioning state or in an unloaded state when ammunition is not readily accessible or when such weapons are not readily accessible. Subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section does not apply to any person nineteen years of age or older or eighteen years of age or older and a member of the United States Armed Forces, or honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces, transporting a concealable firearm in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, so long as such concealable firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed, nor when the actor is also in possession of an exposed firearm or projectile weapon for the lawful pursuit of game, or is in his or her dwelling unit or upon premises over which the actor has possession, authority or control, or is traveling in a continuous journey peaceably through this state. Subdivision (7) of subsection 1 of this section does not apply if the firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed by a person while traversing school premises for the purposes of transporting a student to or from school, or possessed by an adult for the purposes of facilitation of a school-sanctioned firearm-related event or club event.
 4. Subdivisions (1), (6), and (7) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to any person who has a valid concealed carry permit issued pursuant to sections 571.101 to 571.121 RSMo., a valid concealed carry endorsement issued before August 28, 2013, or a valid permit or endorsement to carry concealed firearms issued by another state or political subdivision of another state.
 5. Subdivisions (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to persons who are engaged in a lawful act of defense pursuant to section 563.031 RSMo.
 6. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, the City shall not prohibit any state employee from having a firearm in the employee's vehicle on the state's property provided that the vehicle is locked and the firearm is not visible. This subsection shall only apply when the state employee's vehicle is on property owned or leased by the state and the state employee is conducting activities within the scope of his or her employment. For the purposes of this subsection, "state employee" means an employee of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the government of the state of Missouri.
 7. Nothing in this section shall make it unlawful for a student to actually participate in school-sanctioned gun safety courses, student military or ROTC courses, or other school-sponsored or club-sponsored firearm-related events, provided the student does not carry a firearm or other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or onto the premises of any other function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials or the district school board.
 8. As used in this section "qualified retired peace officer" means an individual who:
 - (1) Retired in good standing from service with a public agency as a peace officer, other than for reasons of mental instability;
 - (2) Before such retirement, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest;
 - (3) Before such retirement, was regularly employed as a peace officer for an aggregate of fifteen years or more, or retired from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency;

- (4) Has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency if such a plan is available;
 - (5) During the most recent twelve-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the standards for training and qualification for active peace officers to carry firearms;
 - (6) Is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and
 - (7) Is not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.
9. The identification required by subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section is:
 - (1) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a peace officer that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the agency to meet the standards established by the agency for training and qualification for active peace officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm; or
 - (2) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a peace officer; and
 - (3) A certification issued by the state in which the individual resides that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the state to meet the standards established by the state for training and qualifications for active peace officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.

SECTION 19.410: Possession, Manufacture, Transport, Repair, Sale of Certain Weapons

- A. A person commits an offense if such person knowingly possesses, manufactures, transports, repairs, or sells:
 1. An explosive weapon;
 2. An explosive, incendiary or poison substance or material with the purpose to possess, manufacture or sell an explosive weapon;
 3. A machine gun;
 4. A gas gun;
 5. A short-barreled rifle or shotgun;
 6. A firearm silencer;
 7. A switchblade knife;
 8. A bullet or projectile which explodes or detonates upon impact because of an independent explosive charge after having been shot from a firearm; or
 9. Knuckles.
- B. A person does not commit an offense under this Section if his/her conduct:
 1. Was incident to the performance of official duty by the Armed Forces, National Guard, a governmental law enforcement agency or a penal institution;

2. Was incident to engaging in a lawful commercial or business transaction with an organization enumerated in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection;
3. Was incident to using an explosive weapon in a manner reasonably related to a lawful industrial or commercial enterprise;
4. Was incident to displaying the weapon in a public museum or exhibition; or
5. Was incident to dealing with the weapon solely as a curio, ornament, or keepsake, or to using it in a manner reasonably related to a lawful dramatic performance; but if the weapon is the type described in Paragraphs (1) or (4) of Subsection (A) of this Section it must be in such a non-functioning condition that it cannot readily be made operable. No barreled rifle, short-barreled shotgun, machine gun, or firearm silencer may be possessed, manufactured, transported, repaired or sold as a curio, ornament, or keepsake unless such person is an importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector licensed by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the Gun Control Act of 1968, U.S.C. Title 18, or unless such firearm is an "antique firearm" as defined in Subsection (3) of Section 571.080, RSMo., or unless such firearm has been designated a "collector's item" by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the U.S.C. Title 26, Section 5845(a). (RSMo. §571.020, 2008)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.415: Defacing Firearm

A person commits the offense of defacing a firearm if he/she knowingly defaces any firearm. (RSMo. §571.045.1)

SECTION 19.420: Unlawful Transfer of Weapons

A person commits the offense of unlawful transfer of weapons if he/she:

1. Knowingly sells, leases, loans, gives away or delivers a blackjack to a person less than eighteen (18) years old without the consent of the child's custodial parent or guardian or recklessly, as defined in Section 562.016, RSMo., sells, leases, loans, gives away or delivers any firearm to a person less than eighteen (18) years old without the consent of the child's custodial parent or guardian; provided that this does not prohibit the delivery of such weapons to any Peace Officer or member of the Armed Forces or National Guard while performing his/her official duty; or
2. Recklessly, as defined in Section 562.016, RSMo., sells, leases, loans, gives away or delivers a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to a person who is intoxicated. (RSMo. §571.060.1(2–3))

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.425: Possession of Firearm Unlawful for Certain Persons

A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm if such person knowingly has any firearm in his or her possession and:

1. Such person has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State, or of a crime under the laws of any State or of the United States which, if committed within this State, would be a felony; or

2. Such person is a fugitive from justice, is habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition, or is currently adjudged mentally incompetent. (RSMo. §571.070, 2008)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.430: Permit does not authorize concealed firearms, where – penalty for violation.

1. A concealed carry permit issued pursuant to sections 571.101 to 571.121 RSMo., a valid concealed carry endorsement issued prior to August 28, 2013, or a concealed carry endorsement or permit issued by another state or political subdivision of another state shall authorize the person in whose name the permit or endorsement is issued to carry concealed firearms on or about his or her person or vehicle throughout the state. No concealed carry permit issued pursuant to sections 571.101 to 571.121 RSMo., valid concealed carry endorsement issued prior to August 28, 2013, or a concealed carry endorsement or permit issued by another state or political subdivision of another state shall authorize any person to carry concealed firearms into:
 - (1) Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol office or station without the consent of the chief law enforcement officer in charge of that office or station. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of the office or station shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (2) Within twenty-five feet of any polling place on any election day. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of the polling place shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (3) The facility of any adult or juvenile detention or correctional institution, prison or jail. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of any adult, juvenile detention, or correctional institution, prison or jail shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (4) Any courthouse solely occupied by the circuit, appellate or supreme court, or any courtrooms, administrative offices, libraries or other rooms of any such court whether or not such court solely occupies the building in question. The subdivision shall also include, but not be limited to, any juvenile, family, drug, or other court offices, any room or office wherein any of the court or offices listed in this subdivision are temporarily conducting any business within the jurisdiction of such courts or offices, and such other locations in such manner as may be specified by supreme court rule pursuant to subdivision (6) of section 571.107.1 RSMo. Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude those persons listed in subdivision (1) subsection 2 of section 19.405 while within their jurisdiction and on duty, those persons listed in subdivisions (2), (4), and (10) of subsection 2 of section 19.405, or such other persons who serve in a law enforcement capacity for a court as may be specified by supreme court rule pursuant to subdivision (6) of section 571.107.1 RSMo. from carrying a concealed firearm within any of the areas described in this subdivision. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of any of the areas listed in this subdivision shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises.
 - (5) Any meeting of the Board of Aldermen, except that nothing in this subdivision shall preclude a member of the Board of Aldermen holding a valid concealed carry permit or endorsement from carrying a concealed firearm at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (6) Any building owned, leased or controlled by the City of Ashland identified by signs posted at the entrance to the building. Any building used for public housing by private persons, highways or rest areas, firing ranges, and private dwellings owned, leased, or controlled by the City of Ashland are exempt from any restriction on the carrying or possession of a firearm. Persons violating this

- subdivision may be denied entrance to the building, ordered to leave the building, and, if employees of the City, be subjected to disciplinary measures for violation.
- (7) Any establishment licensed to dispense intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises, which portion is primarily devoted to that purpose, without the consent of the owner or manager. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the licensee of said establishment. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any bona fide restaurant open to the general public having dining facilities for not less than fifty persons and that receives at least fifty-one percent of its gross annual income from the dining facilities by the sale of food. This subdivision does not prohibit the possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of the establishment and shall not be criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises. Nothing in this subdivision authorizes any individual who has been issued a concealed carry permit or endorsement to possess any firearm while intoxicated;
 - (8) Any area of an airport to which access is controlled by the inspection of persons and property. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of the airport shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (9) Any place where the carrying of a firearm is prohibited by federal law;
 - (10) Any higher education institution or elementary or secondary school facility without the consent of the governing body of the higher education institution or a school official or the district school board, unless the person with the concealed carry endorsement or permit is a teacher or administrator of an elementary or secondary school who has been designated by his or her school district as a school protection officer and is carrying a firearm in a school within that district; in which case no consent is required. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of any higher education institution or elementary or secondary school facility shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (11) Any portion of a building used as a child care facility without the consent of the manager. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent the operator of a child care facility in a family home from owning or possessing a firearm or a concealed carry permit or endorsement;
 - (12) Any riverboat gambling operation accessible by the public without the consent of the owner or manager pursuant to rules promulgated by the gaming commission. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of a riverboat gambling operation shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (13) Any gated area of an amusement park. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of the amusement park shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (14) Any church or other place of religious worship without the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
 - (15) Any private property whose owner has posted the premises as being off-limits to concealed firearms by means of one or more signs displayed in a conspicuous place of a minimum size of eleven inches by fourteen inches with the writing thereon in letters of not less than one inch. The owner, business or commercial lessee, manager of a private business enterprise, or any other organization, entity, or person may prohibit persons holding a concealed carry permit or endorsement from carrying concealed firearms on the premises and may prohibit employees, not authorized by the employer, holding a concealed carry permit or endorsement from carrying concealed firearms on the property of the employer. If the building or the premises are open to the public, the employer of the business enterprise shall post signs on or about the premises if carrying a concealed firearm is prohibited. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises shall not be a criminal offense so long as the

- firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises. An employer may prohibit employees or other persons holding a concealed carry permit or endorsement from carrying a concealed firearm in vehicles owned by the employer;
- (16) Any sports arena or stadium with a seating capacity of five thousand or more. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises;
- (17) Any hospital accessible by the public. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of a hospital shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises.
2. Carrying of a concealed firearm in a location specified in subdivisions (1) to (17) of subsection 1 of this section by any individual who holds a concealed carry permit issued pursuant to sections 571.101 to 571.121 RSMo., or a concealed carry endorsement issued prior to August 28, 2013, shall not be a criminal act but may subject the person to denial to the premises or removal from the premises. If such person refuses to leave the premises and a peace officer is summoned, such person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars for the first offense. If a second citation for a similar violation occurs within a six-month period, such person shall be fined an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars. If a third citation for a similar violation is issued within one year of the first citation, such person shall be fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars. Upon conviction of charges arising from a citation issued pursuant to this subsection, the court shall notify the sheriff of the county which issued the concealed carry permit, or, if the person is a holder of a concealed carry endorsement issued prior to August 28, 2013, the court shall notify the sheriff or the county which issued the certificate of qualification for a concealed carry endorsement and the department of revenue. (section 19.430-amended Ordinance No. 1123, July 18, 2017)

SECTION 19.435: Discharging Air Gun, Etc.

Any person within the limits of this City who shall discharge any BB gun which expels a projectile by means of a spring, air or any other means, paintball gun or air gun or shall shoot any pebble, bullet, slug, arrow or other hard substance by means of a sling, crossbow, rubber band or bow or any other means shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation.

SECTION 19.440: “Turkey Shoots” and Other Charitable Events

The discharge of firearms in connection with any turkey shoots or other charitable event may be authorized by the Chief of Police.

SECTION 19.445: Discharge of firearms in hunting areas

A A person may discharge a firearm while hunting in a hunting area designated by the City, subject to the following conditions:

1. The person owns the property or has the owner’s permission to hunt;
2. The discharge occurs during the applicable hunting season designated by the Missouri Department of Conservation;
3. The firearm is not discharged at or in the direction of any visible person, domestic animal, vehicle or building within reasonable range of the firearm at an angle that might allow a projectile to strike near any of these objects.

B. The City designates as hunting areas all tracts of undeveloped land in the North East Area of the City that consists of five acres or more, excluding any portion of such land within two hundred yards of a dwelling or commercial building. The North East area of the City is an area bounded on the West by Highway 63, on the South by Loy Martin Road, on the North and East by the City Limits. (amended 11-09-2017, Ordinance No. 1146)

Article VII. Offenses Concerning Property

SECTION 19.500: Tampering

- A. A person commits the offense of tampering if he/she:
1. Tampers with property of another for the purpose of causing substantial inconvenience to that person or to another;
 2. Unlawfully rides in or upon another's automobile, airplane, motorcycle, motorboat or other motor propelled vehicle;
 3. Tampers or makes connection with property of a utility; or
 4. Tampers with, or causes to be tampered with, any meter or other property of an electric, gas, steam or water utility, the effect of which tampering is either:
 - a. To prevent the proper measuring of electric, gas, steam or water service; or
 - b. To permit the diversion of any electric, gas, steam or water service.
- B. In any prosecution under paragraph (4) of Subsection (A), proof that a meter or any other property of a utility has been tampered with, and the person or persons accused received the use or direct benefit of the electric, gas, steam or water service with one (1) or more of the effects described in paragraph (4) of Subsection (A), shall be sufficient to support an inference which the trial court may submit to the trier of fact from which the trier of fact may conclude that there has been a violation of such subdivision by the person or persons who use or receive the direct benefit of the electric, gas, steam or water service. (RSMo. §569.090, 2005)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.505: Property Damage

A person commits the offense of property damage if:

1. He/she knowingly damages property of another; or
2. He/she damages property for the purpose of defrauding an insurer. (RSMo. §569.120)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.510: Claim of Right

- A. A person does not commit an offense by damaging, tampering with, operating, riding in or upon or making connection with property of another if he/she does so under a claim of right and has reasonable grounds to believe he/she has such a right.
- B. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue of claim of right. (RSMo. §569.130)

SECTION 19.515: Trespass in the First Degree

- A. A person commits the offense of trespass in the first degree if he/she knowingly enters unlawfully or knowingly remains unlawfully in a building or inhabitable structure or upon real property.
- B. A person does not commit the offense of trespass by entering or remaining upon real property unless the real property is fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders or as to which notice against trespass is given by:
 - 1. Actual communication to the actor; or
 - 2. Posting in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders. (RSMo. §569.140)

SECTION 19.520: Trespass in the Second Degree

- A. A person commits the offense of trespass in the second degree if he/she enters unlawfully upon real property of another. This is an offense of absolute liability.
- B. Trespass in the second degree is an infraction. (RSMo. §569.150)

SECTION 19.525: Trespass of a School Bus

A person commits the offense of trespass of a school bus if he/she knowingly and unlawfully enters any part of or unlawfully operates any school bus. (RSMo. §569.155)

SECTION 19.530: Reckless Burning or Exploding

A person commits the offense of reckless burning or exploding when he/she knowingly starts a fire or causes an explosion and thereby recklessly damages or destroys a building or an inhabitable structure of another. (RSMo. §569.060)

SECTION 19.535: Negligent Burning or Exploding

A person commits the offense of negligent burning or exploding when he/she with criminal negligence causes damage to property of another by fire or explosion. (RSMo. §569.065)

SECTION 19.540: Stealing

- A. A person commits the offense of stealing if he/she appropriates property or services of another with the purpose to deprive him/her thereof, either without his/her consent or by means of deceit or coercion.

- B. Evidence of the following is admissible in any prosecution pursuant to this Section on the issue of the requisite knowledge or belief of the alleged stealer that:
1. He/she failed or refused to pay for property or services of a hotel, restaurant, inn or boarding house;
 2. He/she gave in payment for property or services of a hotel, restaurant, inn or boarding house a check or negotiable paper on which payment was refused;
 3. He/she left the hotel, restaurant, inn or boarding house with the intent to not pay for property or services;
 4. He/she surreptitiously removed or attempted to remove his/her baggage from a hotel, inn or boarding house; or
 5. He/she, with intent to cheat or defraud a retailer, possesses, uses, utters, transfers, makes, alters, counterfeits or reproduces a retail sales receipt, price tag or universal price code label or possesses, with intent to cheat or defraud, the device that manufactures fraudulent receipts or universal price code labels. (RSMo. §570.030, 2005)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.545: Theft of Motor Fuel

- A. No person shall drive a motor vehicle so as to cause it to leave the premises of an establishment at which motor fuel offered for retail sale was dispensed into the fuel tank of such motor vehicle unless payment or authorized charge for motor fuel dispensed has been made.
- B. A person found guilty or pleading guilty to stealing pursuant to Section 19.540 for the theft of motor fuel as described in Subsection (A) shall have his/her driver's license suspended by the court beginning on the date of the court's order of conviction. The person shall submit all of his/her operator's and chauffeur's licenses to the court upon conviction and the court shall forward all such driver's licenses and the order of suspension of driving privileges to the Department of Revenue for administration of such order. (RSMo. §302.286)

SECTION 19.550: Receiving Stolen Property

- A. A person commits the offense of receiving stolen property if, for the purpose of depriving the owner of a lawful interest therein, he/she receives, retains or disposes of property of another knowing that it has been stolen or believing that it has been stolen.
- B. Evidence of the following is admissible in any criminal prosecution pursuant to this Section to prove the requisite knowledge or belief of the alleged receiver that:
1. He/she was found in possession or control of other property stolen on separate occasions from two (2) or more persons;
 2. He/she received other stolen property in another transaction within the year preceding the transaction charged;

3. He/she acquired the stolen property for a consideration which he/she knew was far below its reasonable value; or
4. He/she obtained control over stolen property knowing the property to have been stolen or under such circumstances as would reasonably induce a person to believe the property was stolen. (RSMo. §570.080, 2005)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.555: Financial Exploitation of the Elderly and Disabled

- A. A person commits the offense of financial exploitation of an elderly or disabled person if such person knowingly and by deception, intimidation or force obtains control over the elderly or disabled person's property with the intent to permanently deprive the elderly or disabled person of the use, benefit or possession of his/her property thereby benefiting such person or detrimentally affecting the elderly or disabled person. Financial exploitation of an elderly or disabled person is a misdemeanor if the value of the property is less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- B. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have these prescribed meanings:

Deception: A misrepresentation or concealment of material fact relating to the terms of a contract or agreement entered into with the elderly or disabled person or to the existing or preexisting condition of any of the property involved in such contract or agreement or the use or employment of any misrepresentation, false pretense or false promise in order to induce, encourage or solicit the elderly or disabled person to enter into a contract or agreement.

"Deception" includes:

1. Creating or confirming another person's impression which is false and which the offender does not believe to be true.
2. Failure to correct a false impression which the offender previously has created or confirmed.
3. Preventing another person from acquiring information pertinent to the disposition of the property involved.
4. Selling or otherwise transferring or encumbering property, failing to disclose a lien, adverse claim or other legal impediment to the enjoyment of the property, whether such impediment is or is not valid or is or is not a matter of official record.
5. Promising performance which the offender does not intend to perform or knows will not be performed. Failure to perform standing alone is not sufficient evidence to prove that the offender did not intend to perform.

Disabled Person: A person with a mental, physical, or developmental disability that substantially impairs the person's ability to provide adequately for the person's care or protection.

Elderly Person: A person sixty (60) years of age or older.

Intimidation: A threat of physical or emotional harm to an elderly or disabled person, or the communication to an elderly or disabled person that he/she will be deprived of food and nutrition, shelter, prescribed medication, or medical care and treatment.

- C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the victim pursuant to any State law relating to domestic violence.
- D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose criminal liability on a person who has made a good faith effort to assist the elderly or disabled person in the management of his/her property, but through no fault of his/her own has been unable to provide such assistance.
- E. Nothing in this Section shall limit the ability to engage in bona fide estate planning, to transfer property, and to otherwise seek to reduce estate and inheritance taxes; provided that such actions do not adversely impact the standard of living to which the elderly or disabled person has become accustomed at the time of such actions.
- F. It shall not be a defense to financial exploitation of an elderly or disabled person that the accused reasonably believed that the victim was not an elderly or disabled person. (RSMo. §570.145, 2005)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.560: Fraudulent Use of a Credit or Debit Device

A person commits the offense of fraudulent use of a credit device or debit device if the person uses a credit device or debit device for the purpose of obtaining services or property knowing that:

- 1. The device is stolen, fictitious or forged;
- 2. The device has been revoked or canceled;
- 3. For any other reason his/her use of the device is unauthorized; or
- 4. Uses a credit device or debit device for the purpose of paying property taxes and knowingly cancels said charges or payment without just cause. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this Section if a person cancels said charges or payment after obtaining a property tax receipt to obtain license tags from the Missouri Department of Revenue. (RSMo. §570.130)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.565: Deceptive Business Practice

A person commits the offense of deceptive business practice if in the course of engaging in a business, occupation or profession he/she recklessly:

- 1. Uses or possesses for use a false weight or measure or any other device for falsely determining or recording any quality or quantity;
- 2. Sells, offers or exposes for sale or delivers less than the represented quantity of any commodity or service;

3. Takes or attempts to take more than the represented quantity of any commodity or service when as buyer he/she furnishes the weight or measure;
4. Sells, offers or exposes for sale adulterated or mislabeled commodities; or
5. Makes a false or misleading written statement for the purpose of obtaining property or credit. (RSMo. §570.140)

SECTION 19.570: Alteration or Removal of Item Numbers with Intent to Deprive Lawful Owner

A person commits the offense of alteration or removal of item numbers if he/she with the purpose of depriving the owner of a lawful interest therein:

1. Destroys, removes, covers, conceals, alters, defaces or causes to be destroyed, removed, covered, concealed, altered or defaced the manufacturer's original serial number or other distinguishing owner applied number or mark on any item which bears a serial number attached by the manufacturer or distinguishing number or mark applied by the owner of the item for any reason whatsoever;
2. Sells, offers for sale, pawns or uses as security for a loan any item on which the manufacturer's original serial number or other distinguishing owner applied number or mark has been destroyed, removed, covered, concealed, altered or defaced; or
3. Buys, receives as security for a loan or in pawn, or in any manner receives or has in his/her possession any item on which the manufacturer's original serial number or other distinguishing owner applied number or mark has been destroyed, removed, covered, concealed, altered or defaced. (RSMo. §570.085)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.575: Failure to Return Rented Personal Property – Enforcement Procedure – Penalty – Venue

- A. A person commits the offense of failing to return leased or rented property if, with the intent to deprive the owner thereof, he/she purposefully fails to return leased or rented personal property to the place and within the time specified in an agreement in writing providing for the leasing or renting of such personal property. In addition, any person who has leased or rented personal property of another, who conceals the property from the owner or who otherwise sells, pawns, loans, abandons or gives away the leased or rented property is guilty of the offense of failing to return leased or rented property. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all forms of leasing and rental agreements including, but not limited to, contracts which provide the consumer options to buy the leased or rented personal property, lease purchase agreements and rent to own contracts. For the purpose of determining if a violation of this Section has occurred, leasing contracts which provide options to buy the merchandise are owned by the owner of the property until such time as the owner endorses the sale and transfer of ownership of the leased property to the lessee.
- B. It shall be prima facie evidence of the offense of failing to return leased or rented property when a person who has leased or rented personal property of another willfully fails to return or make arrangements acceptable with the lessor to return the personal property to its owner at the owner's place of business within ten (10) days after proper notice following the expiration of the lease or rental agreement, except that if the motor vehicle has not been returned within seventy two (72) hours after the expiration of the lease or rental agreement, such failure to return the motor vehicle shall be prima facie evidence of the intent

of the offense of failing to return leased or rented property. Where the leased or rented property is a motor vehicle, if the motor vehicle has not been returned within seventy two (72) hours after the expiration of the lease or rental agreement, the lessor may notify the local law enforcement agency of the failure of the lessee to return such motor vehicle, and the local law enforcement agency shall cause such motor vehicle to be put into any appropriate State and local computer system listing stolen motor vehicles. Any Law Enforcement Officer which stops such a motor vehicle may seize the motor vehicle and notify the lessor that he/she may recover such motor vehicle after it is photographed and its vehicle identification number is recorded for evidentiary purposes. Where the leased or rented property is not a motor vehicle, if such property has not been returned within the ten (10) day period prescribed in this Subsection, the owner of the property shall report the failure to return the property to the local law enforcement agency, and such law enforcement agency may within five (5) days notify the person who leased or rented the property that such person is in violation of this Section, and that failure to immediately return the property may subject such person to arrest for the violation.

- C. This Section shall not apply if such personal property is a vehicle and such return is made more difficult or expensive by a defect in such vehicle which renders such vehicle inoperable if the lessee shall notify the lessor of the location of such vehicle and such defect before the expiration of the lease or rental agreement or within ten (10) days after proper notice.
- D. Proper notice by the lessor shall consist of a written demand addressed and mailed by certified or registered mail to the lessee at the address given at the time of making the lease or rental agreement. The notice shall contain a statement that the failure to return the property may subject the lessee to criminal prosecution.
- E. Any person who has leased or rented personal property of another who destroys such property so as to avoid returning it to the owner shall be guilty of property damage pursuant to Section 210.300 in addition to being in violation of this Section.
- F. Venue shall lie in the County where the personal property was originally rented or leased. (RSMo. §578.150)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.580: Passing Bad Checks

- A. A person commits the offense of passing a bad check when:
 - 1. With purpose to defraud, the person makes, issues or passes a check or other similar sight order or any other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information for the payment of money knowing that it will not be paid by the drawee or that there is no such drawee; or
 - 2. The person makes, issues or passes a check or other similar sight order or any other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information for the payment of money, knowing that there are insufficient funds in or on deposit with that account for the payment of such check, sight order or other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information in full and all other checks, sight orders or other forms of presentment involving the transmission of account information upon such funds then outstanding, or that there is no such account or no drawee and fails to pay the check or sight order or other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information within ten (10) days after receiving actual notice in writing that it has not been paid because of insufficient funds or credit with the drawee or because there is no such drawee.

- B. As used in Subparagraph (2) of Subsection (A) of this Section, "actual notice in writing" means notice of the non-payment which is actually received by the defendant. Such notice may include the service of summons or warrant upon the defendant for the initiation of the prosecution of the check or checks which are the subject matter of the prosecution if the summons or warrant contains information of the ten (10) day period during which the instrument may be paid and that payment of the instrument within such ten (10) day period will result in dismissal of the charges. The requirement of notice shall also be satisfied for written communications which are tendered to the defendant and which the defendant refuses to accept. (RSMo. §570.120, 2005)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.585: Shoplifting – Detention of Suspect by Merchant – Liability Presumption

- A. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

Mercantile Establishment: Any mercantile place of business in, at or from which goods, wares and merchandise are sold, offered for sale or delivered from and sold at retail or wholesale.

Merchandise: All goods, wares and merchandise offered for sale or displayed by a merchant.

Merchant: Any corporation, partnership, association or person who is engaged in the business of selling goods, wares and merchandise in a mercantile establishment.

Wrongful Taking: Includes stealing of merchandise or money and any other wrongful appropriation of merchandise or money.

- B. Any merchant, his/her agent or employee, who has reasonable grounds or probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a wrongful taking of merchandise or money from a mercantile establishment, may detain such person in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable length of time for the purpose of investigating whether there has been a wrongful taking of such merchandise or money. Any such reasonable detention shall not constitute an unlawful arrest or detention, nor shall it render the merchant, his/her agent or employee criminally or civilly liable to the person so detained.
- C. Any person willfully concealing unpurchased merchandise of any mercantile establishment, either on the premises or outside the premises of such establishment, shall be presumed to have so concealed such merchandise with the intention of committing a wrongful taking of such merchandise within the meaning of Subsection (A), and the finding of such unpurchased merchandise concealed upon the person or among the belongings of such person shall be evidence of reasonable grounds and probable cause for the detention in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable length of time of such person by a merchant, his/her agent or employee in order that recovery of such merchandise may be effected, and any such reasonable detention shall not be deemed to be unlawful nor render such merchant, his/her agent or employee criminally or civilly liable. (RSMo. §537.125)

SECTION 19.590: Copper Wire or Cable, Collectors and Dealers to Keep Register, Information Required – Penalty – Exempt Transactions

- A. Every purchaser or collector of, or dealer in, junk, scrap metal or any secondhand property shall keep a register containing a written or electronic record for each purchase or trade in which each type of metal subject to the provisions of this Section is obtained for value. There shall be a separate record for each transaction involving any:

1. Copper, brass or bronze;
 2. Aluminum wire, cable, pipe, tubing, bar, ingot, rod, fitting or fastener; or
 3. Material containing copper or aluminum that is knowingly used for farming purposes as farming is defined in Section 350.010, RSMo.; whatever may be the condition or length of such metal. The record shall contain the following data: a copy of the driver's license or photo identification issued by the State or by the United States Government or agency thereof to the person from whom the material is obtained which shall contain a current address of the person from whom the material is obtained and the date, time and place of and a full description of each such purchase or trade including the quantity by weight thereof.
- B. The records required under this Section shall be maintained for a minimum of twenty- four (24) months from when such material is obtained and shall be available for inspection by any Law Enforcement Officer.
- C. Anyone convicted of violating this Section shall be guilty of an ordinance violation.
- D. This Section shall not apply to any of the following transactions:
1. Any transaction for which the total amount paid for all regulated scrap metal purchased or sold does not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00);
 2. Any transaction for which the seller, including a farm or farmer, has an existing business relationship with the scrap metal dealer and is known to the scrap metal dealer making the purchase to be an established business or political subdivision that operates a business with a fixed location that can be reasonably expected to generate regulated scrap metal and can be reasonably identified as such a business; or
 3. Any transaction for which the type of metal subject to Subsection (A) of this Section is a minor part of a larger item, except for equipment used in the generation and transmission of electrical power or telecommunications. (RSMo. §407.300, 2008)

SECTION 19.595: Metal Beer Keg, Prohibition on Purchase or Possession by Scrap Metal Dealer – Violation - Penalty

- A. No scrap metal dealer shall knowingly purchase or possess a metal beer keg, whether damaged or undamaged, or any reasonably recognizable part thereof, on any premises that the dealer uses to buy, sell, store, shred, melt, cut or otherwise alter scrap metal except when the purchase is from the brewer or its authorized representative. For purposes of this Section, "keg" shall have the same meaning as in Section 311.082, RSMo.
- B. Anyone who is found guilty of, or pleads guilty to, violating this Section shall be guilty of an ordinance violation punishable only by fine. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to preclude a person violating this Section from also being prosecuted for any applicable criminal offense. (RSMo. §407.301, 2008)

SECTION 19.596: Metal Belonging to Cemeteries, Political Subdivisions, Electric Cooperatives and Utilities – Scrap Yard Not to Purchase – Violation – Penalty

- A. No scrap yard shall purchase any metal that can be identified as belonging to a public or private cemetery or to a political subdivision or electrical cooperative, municipal utility or a utility regulated under Chapter 386 or 393, RSMo., including bleachers, guardrails, signs, street and traffic lights or signals, and manhole cover or covers, whether broken or unbroken, from anyone other than the cemetery or monument owner, political subdivision, electrical cooperative or utility, or manufacturer of the metal or item described in this Section unless such person is authorized in writing by the cemetery or monument owner, political subdivision, electrical cooperative or utility, or manufacturer to sell the metal.
- B. Anyone convicted of violating this Section shall be guilty of an ordinance violation. (RSMo. §407.302, 2008)

SECTION 19.597: Scrap Metal Dealers – Payments in Excess of \$500.00 To Be Made by Check - Exceptions

- A. Any scrap metal dealer paying out an amount that is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more shall make such payment in the form of a check or shall pay by any method in which a financial institution makes and retains a record of the transaction.
- B. This Section shall not apply to any transaction for which the seller has an existing business relationship with the scrap metal dealer and is known to the scrap metal dealer making the purchase to be an established business or political subdivision that operates a business with a fixed location that can be reasonably expected to generate regulated scrap metal and can be reasonably identified as such a business. (RSMo. §407.303, 2008)

Article VIII. Offenses Concerning Prostitution and Morals

SECTION 19.600: Article Definitions

As used in this Article, the following terms mean:

Patronizing Prostitution: A person patronizes prostitution if:

1. Pursuant to a prior understanding, he/she gives something of value to another person as compensation for that person or a third (3rd) person having engaged in sexual conduct with him/her or with another;
2. He/she gives or agrees to give something of value to another person on an understanding that in return therefor that person or a third (3rd) person will engage in sexual conduct with him/her or with another; or
3. He/she solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual conduct with him/her or with another, or to secure a third (3rd) person to engage in sexual conduct with him/her or with another, in return for something of value.

Prostitution: A person commits prostitution if he/she engages or offers or agrees to engage in sexual conduct with another person in return for something of value to be received by the person or by a third (3rd) person.

Sexual Conduct: Occurs when there is:

1. Sexual intercourse. Any penetration, however slight, of the female sex organ by the male sex organ, whether or not an emission results.
2. Deviate sexual intercourse. Any sexual act involving the genitals of one (1) person and the mouth, hand, tongue or anus of another person.
3. Sexual contact. Any touching, manual or otherwise, of the anus or genitals of one (1) person by another done for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire of either party.

Something of Value: Money or property or any token, object or article exchangeable for money or property. (RSMo. §567.010)

SECTION 19.605: Prostitution

A person commits the offense of prostitution if the person performs an act of prostitution. (RSMo. §567.020)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.610: Patronizing Prostitution

- A. A person commits the offense of patronizing prostitution if he/she patronizes prostitution.
- B. It shall not be an affirmative defense that the defendant believed that the person he/she patronized for prostitution was eighteen (18) years of age or older. (RSMo. §567.030, 2004)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.615: Prostitution and Patronizing Prostitution – Sex of Parties No Defense, When

In any prosecution for prostitution or patronizing a prostitute, the sex of the two (2) parties or prospective parties to the sexual conduct engaged in, contemplated or solicited is immaterial, and it is no defense that:

1. Both persons were of the same sex; or
2. The person who received, agreed to receive or solicited something of value was a male and the person who gave or agreed or offered to give something of value was a female. (RSMo. §567.040)

SECTION 19.620: Prostitution Houses Deemed Public Nuisances

- A. Any room, building or other structure regularly used for sexual contact for pay as defined in Section 210.430 or any unlawful prostitution activity prohibited by this Article is a public nuisance.
- B. The City Prosecuting Attorney may, in addition to all other sanctions, prosecute a suit in equity to enjoin the nuisance. If the court finds that the owner of the room, building or structure knew or had reason to believe that the premises were being used regularly for sexual contact for pay or unlawful prostitution activity, the court may order that the premises shall not be occupied or used for such period as the court may determine, not to exceed one (1) year.
- C. All persons, including owners, lessees, officers, agents, inmates or employees, aiding or facilitating such a nuisance may be made defendants in any suit to enjoin the nuisance, and they may be enjoined from engaging in any sexual contact for pay or unlawful prostitution activity anywhere within the jurisdiction of the court.
- D. Appeals shall be allowed from the judgment of the court as in other civil actions. (RSMo. §567.080)

SECTION 19.700: Article Definitions

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth herein:

Deviate Sexual Intercourse: Any act involving the genitals of one person and the hand, mouth, tongue or anus of another person or a sexual act involving the penetration, however slight, of the male or female sex organ or the anus by a finger, instrument or object done for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person or for the purpose of terrorizing the victim.

Sexual Conduct: Sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse or sexual contact.

Sexual Contact: Any touching of another person with the genitals or any touching of the genitals or anus of another person, or the breast of a female person, or such touching through the clothing, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire of any person.

Sexual Intercourse: Any penetration, however slight, of the female sex organ by the male sex organ, whether or not an emission results. (RSMo. §566.010, 2006)

SECTION 19.705: Indecent Exposure (Sexual Misconduct)

A person commits the offense of indecent exposure (sexual misconduct) if such person:

1. Exposes his/her genitals under circumstances in which he/she knows that his/her conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm;
2. Has sexual contact in the presence of a third (3rd) person or persons under circumstances in which he/she knows that such conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm; or
3. Has sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse in a public place in the presence of a third (3rd) person. (RSMo. §566.093, 2004)

SECTION 19.710: Sexual Misconduct

A person commits the offense of sexual misconduct in the first degree if such person purposely subjects another person to sexual contact without that person's consent. (RSMo. §566.090, 2006)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.715: Certain Offenders Not to Physically be Present or Loiter Within Five Hundred Feet of a Child Care Facility – Violation – Penalty

- A. Any person who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been convicted of, or been found guilty of:
 1. Violating any of the provisions of Chapter 566, RSMo., or the provisions of Subsection (2) of Section 568.020, RSMo., Incest; Section 568.045, RSMo., Endangering The Welfare Of A Child In The First Degree; Subsection (2) of Section 568.080, RSMo., Use Of A Child In A Sexual Performance; Section 568.090, RSMo., Promoting A Sexual Performance By A Child; Section 573.023, RSMo., Sexual Exploitation Of A Minor; Section 573.025, RSMo., Promoting Child Pornography In The First Degree; Section 573.035, RSMo., Promoting Child Pornography In The Second Degree; Section 573.037, RSMo., Possession Of Child Pornography; or Section 573.040, RSMo., Furnishing Pornographic Material To Minors; or

2. Any offense in any other State or Foreign Country, or under federal, tribal or military jurisdiction which, if committed in this State, would be a violation listed in this Section;

shall not knowingly be physically present in or loiter within five hundred (500) feet of or to approach, contact, or communicate with any child under eighteen (18) years of age in any child care facility building, on the real property comprising any child care facility when persons under the age of eighteen (18) are present in the building, on the grounds, or in the conveyance, unless the offender is a parent, legal guardian, or custodian of a student present in the building or on the grounds.

- B. For purposes of this Section, "child care facility" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in Section 210.201, RSMo.
- C. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section is guilty of an ordinance violation. (RSMo. §566.148, 2009)

SECTION 19.720: Certain Offenders Not to be Present within Five Hundred Feet of School Property, Exception – Permission Required for Parents or Guardians Who Are Offenders, Procedure

- A. Any person who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been convicted of, or been found guilty of:
 1. Violating any of the provisions of Chapter 566, RSMo., or the provisions of Subsection (2) of Section 568.020, RSMo., Incest; Section 568.045, RSMo., Endangering The Welfare Of A Child In The First Degree; Subsection (2) of Section 568.080, RSMo., Use Of A Child In A Sexual Performance; Section 568.090, RSMo., Promoting A Sexual Performance By A Child; Section 573.023, RSMo., Sexual Exploitation Of A Minor; Section 573.025, RSMo., Promoting Child Pornography; or Section 573.040, RSMo., Furnishing Pornographic Material To Minors; or
 2. Any offense in any other State or foreign country, or under tribal, federal or military jurisdiction which, if committed in this State, would be a violation listed in this Section;

shall not be present in or loiter within five hundred (500) feet of any school building, on real property comprising any school, or in any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school-related activity when persons under the age of eighteen (18) are present in the building, on the grounds or in the conveyance, unless the offender is a parent, legal guardian or custodian of a student present in the building and has met the conditions set forth in Subsection (B) of this Section.

- B. No parent, legal guardian or custodian who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been convicted of, or been found guilty of violating any of the offenses listed in Subsection (A) of this Section shall be present in any school building, on real property comprising any school, or in any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school-related activity when persons under the age of eighteen (18) are present in the building, on the grounds or in the conveyance unless the parent, legal guardian or custodian has permission to be present from the Superintendent or School Board or in the case of a private school from the Principal. In the case of a public school, if permission is granted, the Superintendent or School Board President must inform the Principal of the school where the sex offender will be present. Permission may be granted by the Superintendent, School Board, or in the case of a private school from the Principal for more than one (1) event at a time, such as a series of events, however, the parent, legal guardian or custodian must obtain permission for any other event he/she wishes to attend for which he/she has not yet had permission granted.

- C. Regardless of the person's knowledge of his or her proximity to school property or a school-related activity, violation of the provisions of this Section shall be an ordinance violation. (RSMo. §566.149, 2006, 2008, 2009)

SECTION 19.725: Halloween, Restrictions on Conduct - Violations

- A. Any person required to register as a sexual offender under Sections 589.400 to 589.425, RSMo., shall be required on October thirty first (31st) of each year to:
1. Avoid all Halloween related contact with children;
 2. Remain inside his or her residence between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. unless required to be elsewhere for just cause including, but not limited to, employment or medical emergencies;
 3. Post a sign at his or her residence stating "No candy or treats at this residence"; and
 4. Leave all outside residential lighting off during the evening hours after 5:00 P.M.
- B. Any person required to register as a sexual offender under Sections 589.400 to 589.425, RSMo., who violates the provisions of Subsection (A) of this Section shall be guilty of an ordinance violation. (RSMo. §589.426, 2008)

Article X. Offenses Concerning Pornography

SECTION 19.800: Definitions

When used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings set out herein:

Furnish: To issue, sell, give, provide, lend, mail, deliver, transfer, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit or otherwise provide.

Material: Anything printed or written, or any picture, drawing, photograph, motion picture film, videotape or videotape production, or pictorial representation, or any recording or transcription, or any mechanical, chemical or electrical reproduction, or stored computer data, or anything which is or may be used as a means of communication. "Material" includes undeveloped photographs, molds, printing plates, stored computer data, and other latent representational objects.

Minor: Any person under the age of eighteen (18).

Nudity: The showing of post-pubertal human genitals or pubic area with less than a fully opaque covering.

Obscene: Any material or performance is obscene if, taken as a whole:

1. Applying contemporary community standards, its predominant appeal is to prurient interest in sex;
2. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find the material depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and
3. A reasonable person would find the material lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Performance: Any play, motion picture film, videotape, dance or exhibition performed before an audience of one (1) or more.

Pornographic for Minors: Any material or performance is pornographic for minors if the following apply:

1. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the material or performance, taken as a whole, has a tendency to cater or appeal to a prurient interest of minors;
2. The material or performance depicts or describes nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement or sadomasochistic abuse in a way which is patently offensive to the average person applying contemporary adult community standards with respect to what is suitable for minors; and
3. The material or performance, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.

Promote: To manufacture, issue, sell, provide, mail, deliver, transfer, transmute, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit or advertise, or to offer or agree to do the same, by any means including a computer.

Sadomasochistic Abuse: Flagellation or torture by or upon a person as an act of sexual stimulation or gratification.

Sexual Conduct: Actual or simulated, normal or perverted acts of human masturbation; deviate sexual intercourse; sexual intercourse; or physical contact with a person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or the breast of a female in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification; or any sadomasochistic abuse or acts including animals or any latent objects in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification.

Sexual Excitement: The condition of human male or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal. (RSMo. §573.010)

SECTION 19.805: Promoting Pornography for Minors or Obscenity

A person commits the offense of promoting pornography for minors or obscenity if he/she:

1. Promotes or possesses with the purpose to promote any obscene materials for pecuniary gain;
2. Produces, presents, directs or participates in any obscene performance for pecuniary gain;
3. Promotes or possesses with the purpose to promote any material pornographic for minors for pecuniary gain;

4. Produces, presents, directs or participates in any performance pornographic for minors for pecuniary gain; or
5. Promotes, possesses with the purpose to promote, produces, presents, directs or participates in any performance that is pornographic for minors via computer, electronic transfer, Internet or computer network if the person made the matter available to a specific individual known by the defendant to be a minor. (RSMo. §573.030.1, 2009)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.810: Furnishing Pornographic Materials to Minors

- A. A person commits the offense of furnishing pornographic material to minors if he/she:
 1. Furnishes any material pornographic for minors knowing that the person to whom it is furnished is a minor or acting in reckless disregard of the likelihood that such person is a minor;
 2. Produces, presents, directs or participates in any performance pornographic for minors that is furnished to a minor knowing that any person viewing such performance is a minor or acting in reckless disregard of the likelihood that a minor is viewing the performance; or
 3. Furnishes, produces, presents, directs, participates in any performance or otherwise makes available material that is pornographic for minors via computer, electronic transfer, Internet or computer network if the person made the matter available to a specific individual known by the defendant to be a minor.
- B. It is not an affirmative defense to a prosecution for a violation of this Section that the person being furnished the pornographic material is a Peace Officer masquerading as a minor.
- C. Furnishing pornographic material to minors or attempting to furnish pornographic material to minors is an ordinance violation. (RSMo. §573.040.1, 2008, 2009)

Article XI. Offenses Concerning Drugs

SECTION 19.900: Possession of Marijuana

Except as authorized by Sections 195.005 to 195.425, RSMo., it is unlawful for any person to possess or have under his/her control marijuana as defined in Section 195.010, RSMo. (RSMo. §195.202)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.905: Possession or Control of a Controlled Substance

- A. Except as authorized by Sections 195.005 to 195.425, RSMo., it is unlawful for any person to possess or have under his/her control a controlled substance as defined by Section 195.010, RSMo. (RSMo. §195.202)
- B. Any person violating any provision of this section, shall upon conviction, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or shall be imprisoned for not more than three (3) months, or shall be both fined and sentenced.

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.910: Limitations on the Retail Sale of Methamphetamine Precursor Drugs

- A. The retail sale of methamphetamine precursor drugs shall be limited to:
 - 1. Sales in packages containing not more than a total of three (3) grams of one (1) or more methamphetamine precursor drugs calculated in terms of ephedrine base, pseudoephedrine base and phenylpropanolamine base; and
 - 2. For non-liquid products, sales in blister packs, each blister containing not more than two (2) dosage units, or where the use of blister packs is technically infeasible, sales in unit dose packets or pouches.
- B. Any person holding a retail sales license pursuant to Chapter 144, RSMo., who knowingly violates Subsection (A) of this Section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- C. Any person who is considered the general owner or operator of the outlet where ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine products are available for sale who violates Subsection (A) of this Section shall not be penalized pursuant to this Section if such person documents that an employee training program was in place to provide the employee with information on the State and Federal regulations regarding ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine. (RSMo. §195.418)

SECTION 19.915: Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia

- A. It is unlawful for any person to use, or to possess with intent to use, drug paraphernalia as defined by Section 195.010, RSMo., to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance as defined by Section 195.010, RSMo., or an imitation controlled substance as defined by Section 195.010, RSMo., in violation of Sections 195.005 to 195.425, RSMo. (RSMo. §195.233)
- B. Any person violating any provision of this section, shall upon conviction, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) , or shall be imprisoned for not more than three (3) months, or shall be both fined and sentenced.

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.920: Inhalation or Inducing Others to Inhale Solvent Fumes to Cause Certain Reactions, Prohibited - Exceptions

No person shall intentionally smell or inhale the fumes of any solvent, particularly toluol, amyl nitrite, butyl nitrite, cyclohexyl nitrite, ethyl nitrite, pentyl nitrite and propyl nitrite and their iso-analogues or induce any other person to do so for the purpose of causing a condition of, or inducing symptoms of, intoxication, elation, euphoria, dizziness, excitement, irrational behavior, exhilaration, paralysis, stupefaction, or dulling of senses or nervous system, or for the purpose of, in any manner, changing, distorting or disturbing the audio, visual or mental processes; except that this Section shall not apply to the inhalation of any anesthesia for medical or dental purposes. (RSMo. §578.250, 2009)

SECTION 19.925: Inducing, or Possession with Intent to Induce, Symptoms by Use of Solvents and Other Substances, Prohibited

- A. As used in this Section "alcoholic beverage vaporizer" means any device which, by means of heat, a vibrating element, or any method, is capable of producing a breathable mixture containing one (1) or more alcoholic beverages to be dispensed for inhalation into the lungs via the nose or mouth or both.
- B. No person shall intentionally or willfully induce the symptoms of intoxication, elation, euphoria, dizziness, excitement, irrational behavior, exhilaration, paralysis, stupefaction, or dulling of the senses or nervous system, distortion of audio, visual or mental processes by the use or abuse of any of the following substances:
 - 1. Solvents, particularly toluol;
 - 2. Ethyl alcohol;
 - 3. Amyl nitrite and its iso-analogues;
 - 4. Butyl nitrite and its iso-analogues;
 - 5. Cyclohexyl nitrite and its iso-analogues;
 - 6. Ethyl nitrite and its iso-analogues;
 - 7. Pentyl nitrite and its iso-analogues; and
 - 8. Propyl nitrite and its iso-analogues.
- C. This Section shall not apply to substances that have been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration as therapeutic drug products or are contained in approved over-the-counter drug products or administered lawfully pursuant to the order of an authorized medical practitioner.
- D. No person shall intentionally possess any solvent, particularly toluol, amyl nitrite, butyl nitrite, cyclohexyl nitrite, ethyl nitrite, pentyl nitrite and propyl nitrite and their iso-analogues for the purpose of using it in the manner prohibited by Section 210.550 and this Section.
- E. No person shall possess or use an alcoholic beverage vaporizer.
- F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the legal consumption of intoxicating liquor. (RSMo. §578.255, 2009)

SECTION 19.930: Possession or Purchase of Solvents to Aid Others in Violations, Prohibited – Violations of Sections 19.920 to 19.925 - Penalty

- A. No person shall intentionally possess or buy any solvent, particularly toluol, amyl nitrite, butyl nitrite, cyclohexyl nitrite, ethyl nitrite, pentyl nitrite and propyl nitrite and their iso-analogues for the purpose of inducing or aiding any other person to violate the provisions of Sections 210.550 and 210.560 hereof.

- B. Any person who violates any provision of Sections 19.920—19.930 is guilty of an ordinance violation for the first (1st) violation. (RSMo. §578.260, 2009)

Note: Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.

SECTION 19.935: Prohibiting the possession, sale or offering for sale of products containing synthetic cannabinoids.

A. "Illegal smoking products" means any substance, whether described as tobacco, herbs, incense, spice or any blend thereof, regardless of whether the substance is marketed for the purposes of being smoked, which includes any one or more of the following chemicals:

(1) 1- [(1R, 3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl]- 5-(2-methyloctan-2-yl) phenol (also known as CP47,497) and homologues;

(2) (6aS, 10aS) -9-(hydroxymethyl)-6, 6-dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)-6a, 7, 10, 10a-tetrahydrobenzo [c] chromen-1-ol (also known as HU-211 or Dexanabinol);

(3) 1-Pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole (also known as JWH-018); or

(4) Butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole (also known as JWH-073).

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer to sell, gift, or publicly display for sale any illegal smoking product.

C. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess any illegal smoking product.

D. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each sale, each offer to sell, each gift, or for each day an illegal smoking product is on public display for sale.

(amended by Ordinance No. 1010, December 2, 2014)

Article XII. Offenses Concerning Minors

Cross Reference: As to alcohol-related offenses involving minors, §600.060.

SECTION 19.1000: Article Definitions

For the purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases are defined as follows:

Guardian: Guardian appointed by court of competent jurisdiction.

Minor: Any person under the age of seventeen (17).

Parent: The natural or adoptive father or mother, legal guardian or any other person having the care or custody of a minor child.

Parental Neglect: Any act or omission by which a parent fails to exercise customary and effective control over a minor so as to contribute to, cause or tend to cause a minor to commit any offense.

Intoxicating Liquor: as used in this article shall mean and include alcohol for beverage purposes, alcoholic, spirituous, vinous, fermented, malt, or other liquors, or combination of liquors, a part of which is spirituous, vinous, or fermented, and all preparations or mixtures for beverage purposes, containing in excess of one-half of one percent

by volume. All beverages having an alcoholic content of less than one-half of one percent by volume shall be exempt from the provisions of this article. (RSMo. §311.020)

SECTION 19.1005: Curfew for Persons under Seventeen

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of seventeen (17) years to be in or upon any public place or way within the City of Ashland between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any such persons accompanied by a parent or guardian, to any such person upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by such person's parent or guardian, to any such person who is engaged in gainful, lawful employment during said time period, or who is returning or in route to said employment, or to any such person who is attending or in route to or from any organized religious or school activity.
- B. Responsibility Of Parent. The parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of a person under the age of seventeen (17) years shall not knowingly permit such person to violate this Section.
- C. Notice To Parent. Any Law Enforcement Officer finding any person under the age of seventeen (17) years violating the provisions of this Section shall warn such person to desist immediately from such violation and shall promptly report the violation to his/her superior officer who shall cause a written notice to be served upon the parent, guardian or person in charge of such person setting forth the manner in which this Section has been violated. Any parent, guardian or person in charge of such person who shall knowingly permit such person to violate the provisions of this Section, after receiving notice of the first (1st) violation, shall be guilty of an offense.
- D. Service Of Notice. The written notice provided in Subsection (C) may be served by leaving a copy thereof at the residence of such parent, guardian or person in charge of the person in violation of this Section with any person found at such residence over the age of seventeen (17) years or by mailing such notice to the last known address of such parent, guardian or person in charge of such person, wherever such person may be found.

SECTION 19.1010: Parental Responsibility

- A. Whenever a minor shall be arrested or detained for the commission of any offense within the City, the Police Department shall, as soon as possible thereafter, deliver written notice to the minor's parent of the arrest or detention, and such notice shall advise the parent of his/her responsibility under this Section. The notice shall be in such a form as to be signed by the notified parent signifying receipt thereof. If the parent refuses to sign said notice, the notifying Law Enforcement Officer shall indicate such refusal on the notice.
- B. No parent shall fail to exercise customary and effective control over a minor so as to contribute to, cause or tend to cause a minor to commit any offense. Written parental notice as defined in Subsection (A) of this Section shall be prima facie evidence of parental neglect if the minor commits a second (2nd) or successive violation of any offense.
- C. Each violation of the provisions of this Section shall constitute a separate offense. Any person who shall violate this Section shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days and/or a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first (1st) violation, not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second (2nd) violation, and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for any successive violation. In addition, the court may, as a condition of any probation granted to any parent found guilty of

violating Subsection (B) of this Section, order the defendant to make restitution to any person who has been damaged by the misconduct of the minor in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

SECTION 19.1015: Purchase or Possession by Minor; Intoxicated Minors; Exceptions-Penalty (MIP)

- A. Any person under the age of twenty-one years, who purchases or attempts to purchase, or has in his or her possession, any intoxicating liquor as defined in section 311.020 or who is visibly in an intoxicated condition as defined in section 577.001, or has a detectable blood alcohol content of more than two-hundredths of one percent or more by weight of alcohol in such person's blood is guilty of a misdemeanor. A first violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars. A second or subsequent violation of this section shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one year and/or a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars. Prior pleas of guilty and prior findings of guilty shall be pleaded and proven in the same manner as required by section 558.021. For purposes of prosecution under this section or any other provision of this chapter involving an alleged illegal sale or transfer of intoxicating liquor to a person under twenty-one years of age, a manufacturer-sealed container describing that there is intoxicating liquor therein need not be opened or the contents therein tested to verify that there is intoxicating liquor in such container. The alleged violator may allege that there was not intoxicating liquor in such container, but the burden of proof of such allegation is on such person, as it shall be presumed that such a sealed container describing that there is intoxicating liquor therein contains intoxicating liquor.
- B. For purposes of determining violations of any provision of this chapter, or of any rule or regulation of the supervisor of alcohol and tobacco control, a manufacturer-sealed container describing that there is intoxicating liquor therein need not be opened or the contents therein tested to verify that there is intoxicating liquor in such container. The alleged violator may allege that there was not intoxicating liquor in such container, but the burden of proof of such allegation is on such person, as it shall be presumed that such a sealed container describing that there is intoxicating liquor therein contains intoxicating liquor
- C. Any person under the age of twenty-one years who purchases or attempts to purchase, or has in his or her possession, any intoxicating liquor, or who is visibly in an intoxicated condition as defined in section 577.001, shall be deemed to have given consent to a chemical test or tests of the person's breath, blood, saliva, or urine for the purpose of determining the alcohol or drug content of the person's blood. The implied consent to submit to the chemical tests listed in this subsection shall be limited to not more than two such tests arising from the same arrest, incident, or charge. Chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood, saliva, or urine shall be performed according to methods approved by the state department of health and senior services by licensed medical personnel or by a person possessing a valid permit issued by the state department of health and senior services for this purpose. The state department of health and senior services shall approve satisfactory techniques, devices, equipment, or methods to be considered valid and shall establish standards to ascertain the qualifications and competence of individuals to conduct analyses and to issue permits which shall be subject to termination or revocation by the state department of health and senior services. The person tested may have a physician, or a qualified technician, chemist, registered nurse, or other qualified person at the choosing and expense of the person to be tested, administer a test in addition to any administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer. The failure or inability to obtain an additional test by a person shall not preclude the admission of evidence relating to the test taken at the direction of a law enforcement officer. Upon the request of the person who is tested, full information concerning the test shall be made available to such person. Full information is limited to the following:

- (1) The type of test administered and the procedures followed;

- (2) The time of the collection of the blood or breath sample or urine analyzed;
- (3) The numerical results of the test indicating the alcohol content of the blood and breath and urine;
- (4) The type and status of any permit which was held by the person who performed the test;
- (5) If the test was administered by means of a breath-testing instrument, the date of performance of the most recent required maintenance of such instrument.

Full information does not include manuals, schematics, or software of the instrument used to test the person or any other material that is not in the actual possession of the state. Additionally, full information does not include information in the possession of the manufacturer of the test instrument.

D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a student who:

- (1) Is eighteen years of age or older;
- (2) Is enrolled in an accredited college or university and is a student in a culinary course;
- (3) Is required to taste, but not consume or imbibe, any beer, ale, porter, wine, or other similar malt or fermented beverage as part of the required curriculum; and
- (4) Tastes a beverage under subdivision (3) of this subsection only for instructional purposes during classes that are part of the curriculum of the accredited college or university.

The beverage must at all times remain in the possession and control of an authorized instructor of the college or university, who must be twenty-one years of age or older. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to allow a student under the age of twenty-one to receive any beer, ale, porter, wine, or other similar malt or fermented beverage unless the beverage is delivered as part of the student's required curriculum and the beverage is used only for instructional purposes during classes conducted as part of the curriculum. (RSMo. §311.325)

Article XIII. Offenses Concerning Tobacco

SECTION 19.1100: Definitions

For purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

Distribute: A conveyance to the public by sale, barter, gift or sample.

Minor: A person under the age of eighteen (18).

Proof of Age: A driver's license or other generally accepted means of identification that contains a picture of the individual and appears on its face to be valid.

Rolling Papers: Paper designed, manufactured, marketed or sold for use primarily as a wrapping or enclosure for tobacco which enables a person to roll loose tobacco into a smoke able cigarette.

Sample: A tobacco product distributed to members of the general public at no cost or at nominal cost for product promotional purposes.

Sampling: The distribution to members of the general public of tobacco product samples.

Tobacco Products: Any substance containing tobacco leaf including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco or dipping tobacco.

Vending Machine: Any mechanical, electric or electronic self-service device which, upon insertion of money, tokens or any other form of payment, dispenses tobacco products. (RSMo. §407.925)

SECTION 19.1105: Unlawful to Sell or Distribute Tobacco Products to Minors – Vending Machine Requirements

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, provide or distribute tobacco products to persons under eighteen (18) years of age.

- B. All vending machines that dispense tobacco products shall be located within the unobstructed line of sight and under the direct supervision of an adult responsible for preventing persons less than eighteen (18) years of age from purchasing any tobacco product from such machine or shall be equipped with a lock out device to prevent the machines from being operated until the person responsible for monitoring sales from the machines disables the lock. Such locking device shall be of a design that prevents it from being left in an unlocked condition and which will allow only a single sale when activated. A locking device shall not be required on machines that are located in areas where persons less than eighteen (18) years of age are not permitted or prohibited by law. An owner of an establishment whose vending machine is not in compliance with the provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the penalties contained in Subsection (D) of this Section. A determination of non-compliance may be made by a local law enforcement agency or the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. Nothing in this Section shall apply to a vending machine if located in a factory, private club or other location not generally accessible to the general public.
- C. No person or entity shall sell, provide or distribute any tobacco product or rolling papers to any minor or sell any individual cigarettes to any person in this State. This Subsection shall not apply to the distribution by family members on property that is not open to the public.
- D. Any person, including, but not limited to, a sales clerk, owner or operator, who violates Subsections (A), (B) or (C) of this Section or Section 19.1125 of this Article shall be penalized as follows:
1. For the first (1st) offense, twenty- five dollars (\$25.00);
 2. For the second (2nd) offense, one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and
 3. For a third (3rd) and subsequent offense, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- E. Any owner of the establishment where tobacco products are available for sale who violates Subsection (C) of this Section shall not be penalized pursuant to this Section if such person documents the following:
1. An in house or other tobacco compliance employee training program was in place to provide the employee with information on the State and Federal regulations regarding tobacco sales to minors. Such training program must be attended by all employees who sell tobacco products to the general public;
 2. A signed statement by the employee stating that the employee has been trained and understands the State laws and Federal regulations regarding the sale of tobacco to minors; and
 3. Such in house or other tobacco compliance training meets the minimum training criteria, which shall not exceed a total of ninety (90) minutes in length, established by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control.
- F. The exemption in Subsection (E) of this Section shall not apply to any person who is considered the general owner or operator of the outlet where tobacco products are available for sale if:
1. Four (4) or more violations per location of Subsection (C) of this Section occur within a one (1) year period; or

2. Such person knowingly violates or knowingly allows his/her employees to violate Subsection (C) of this Section.
- G. If a sale is made by an employee of the owner of an establishment in violation of this Article, the employee shall be guilty of an offense established in Subsections (A), (B) and (C) of this Section. If a vending machine is in violation of Section 210.650, the owner of the establishment shall be guilty of an offense established in Subsections (C) and (D) of this Section. If a sample is distributed by an employee of a company conducting the sampling, such employee shall be guilty of an offense established in Subsections (C) and (D) of this Section.
 - H. A person cited for selling, providing or distributing any tobacco product to any individual less than eighteen (18) years of age in violation of Subsections (A), (B) or (C) of this Section shall conclusively be presumed to have reasonably relied on proof of age of the purchaser or recipient, and such person shall not be found guilty of such violation if such person raises and proves as an affirmative defense that:
 1. Such individual presented a driver's license or other government issued photo identification purporting to establish that such individual was eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - I. Any person adversely affected by this Section may file an appeal with the Administrative Hearing Commission which shall be adjudicated pursuant to the procedures established in Chapter 621, RSMo. (RSMo. §407.931)

SECTION 19.1110: Minors Prohibited From Purchase or Possession of Tobacco – Misrepresentation of Age

- A. No person less than eighteen (18) years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase or possess cigarettes or other tobacco products unless such person is an employee of a seller of cigarettes or tobacco products and is in such possession to effect a sale in the course of employment or an employee of the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control for enforcement purposes pursuant to Subsection (5) of Section 407.934, RSMo.
- B. Any person less than eighteen (18) years of age shall not misrepresent his/her age to purchase cigarettes or tobacco products.
- C. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be penalized as follows:
 1. For the first (1st) violation, the person is guilty of an infraction and shall have any cigarettes or tobacco products confiscated;
 2. For a second (2nd) violation and any subsequent violations, the person is guilty of an infraction, shall have any cigarettes or tobacco products confiscated and shall complete a tobacco education or smoking cessation program, if available. (RSMo. §407.933)

SECTION 19.1115: Retail Sales Tax License Required for Sale of Tobacco Products

No person shall sell cigarettes or tobacco products unless the person has a retail sales tax license. (RSMo. §407.926)

SECTION 19.1120: Required Sign Stating Violation of State Law to Sell Tobacco to Minors Under Age Eighteen – Display of Sign Required Where

The owner of an establishment at which tobacco products or rolling papers are sold at retail or through vending machines shall cause to be prominently displayed in a conspicuous place at every display from which tobacco products are sold and on every vending machine where tobacco products are purchased a sign that shall:

1. Contain in red lettering at least one half (½) inch high on a white background the following:

"IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW FOR CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED TO ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN OR FOR SUCH PERSON TO PURCHASE, ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS"; and

2. Include a depiction of a pack of cigarettes at least two (2) inches high defaced by a red diagonal diameter of a surrounding red circle and the words "Under 18". (RSMo. §407.927)

SECTION 19.1125: Restrictions on Sales of Individual Packs of Cigarettes

No person or entity shall sell individual packs of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products unless such packs satisfy one (1) of the following conditions prior to the time of sale:

1. It is sold through a vending machine; or
2. It is displayed behind the checkout counter or it is within the unobstructed line of sight of the sales clerk or store attendant from the checkout counter. (RSMo. §407.928)

SECTION 19.1130: Proof of Age Required, When Defense to Action for Violation is Reasonable Reliance on Proof - Liability

- A. A person or entity selling tobacco products or rolling papers or distributing tobacco product samples shall require proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that such prospective purchaser or recipient may be under the age of eighteen (18).
- B. The operator's or chauffeur's license issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 302.177, RSMo., or the operator's or chauffeur's license issued pursuant to the laws of any State or possession of the United States to residents of those States or possessions, or an identification card as provided for in Section 302.181, RSMo., or the identification card issued by any uniformed service of the United States, or a valid passport shall be presented by the holder thereof upon request of any agent of the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control or any owner or employee of an establishment that sells tobacco for the purpose of aiding the registrant, agent or employee to determine whether or not the person is at least eighteen (18) years of age when such person desires to purchase or possess tobacco products procured from a registrant. Upon such presentation, the owner or employee of the establishment shall compare the photograph and physical characteristics noted on the license, identification card or passport with the physical characteristics of the person presenting the license, identification card or passport.
- C. Any person who shall, without authorization from the Department of Revenue, reproduce, alter, modify or misrepresent any chauffeur's license, motor vehicle operator's license or identification card shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.
- D. Reasonable reliance on proof of age or on the appearance of the purchaser or recipient shall be a defense to any action for a violation of Subsections (A), (B) and (C) of Section 210.620 of this Article. No person

shall be liable for more than one (1) violation of Subsections (B) and (C) of Section 210.620 on any single day. (RSMo. §407.929)

Article XIV. Offenses Concerning Nuisances

SECTION 19.1200: Regulate and Reduce Excessive Noise and Preserve Peace and Quiet

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of the city. The following enumerated subsections described in this ordinance, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this ordinance, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:
1. The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which such machine or device is declared unlawful. The operation of any such set, instrument, phonograph, machine or device, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection. The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated of any devices in this subsection between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of three hundred (300) feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which such device is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection.
 2. Construction, repair, and demolition of buildings, streets and utilities.
- B. It shall be unlawful to interfere with and disturb the peace and quiet of neighboring inhabitants by demolishing, constructing, altering or repairing any building or structure other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays.
- C. It shall be unlawful to interfere with or disturb the peace and quiet of neighboring, inhabitants by excavating, grading, paving, constructing, altering or repairing any public or private street, drive or parking lot other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and between 8:00a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent work on any public street, including utility installation, removal or repair, when any authorized city employee has determined that the work is necessary in order to minimize traffic disruption.
- D. It shall be unlawful to interfere with or disturb the peace and quiet of neighboring inhabitants by installing, removing or repairing any utility other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Nothing in this article shall prevent work on any utility in order to main or restore utility service.

- E. It shall be unlawful to interfere with or disturb the peace and quiet of neighboring inhabitants by operating any earthmoving, excavating, paving or tree cutting equipment other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent work on any public street, including utility installation, removal or repair, when any authorized city employee has determined that the work is necessary in order to minimize traffic disruption.

SECTION 19.1205: Attaching Advertising Signs, Etc., to Motor Vehicles

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach to any motor vehicle parked or standing at rest within any street right-of-way, or within any street, or in any other public place or way, any poster, paper, cardboard or any other materials for the purpose of advertising any private or commercial enterprises or events, except in a manner which will prevent it from falling off such vehicle.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach to any motor vehicle parked or standing at rest upon private property any poster, paper, cardboard, or any other materials for the purpose of advertising any private or commercial enterprises or events, except in a manner which will prevent it from falling off such vehicle and only with the written approval of the owner or lessee of the real estate upon which such vehicle or vehicles are located.

SECTION 19.1210: Posting of Bills, Notices, etc., On Public Property

It shall be unlawful for any person to stick, post, place or maintain upon any traffic or street sign, pole, tree, post, bridge or structure located on any street, alley, parkway, park or public place any bill, sign, poster, notice, placard, advertisement or printed or written matter of any kind; provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to apply to notices required by law to be posted, or to official notices given by public authority.

SECTION 19.1215: Goods Displayed Within Right-of-Way

No person shall display, or permit to be displayed, any goods offered for sale on any public street or right-of-way. (Added Ordinance No. 854 8-17-2010)

SECTION 19.1220: Obstructing Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks

- A. Any person who shall in any manner, obstruct any street, sidewalk, alley or any part thereof, without a permit from the City, or shall drive any motor vehicle on any of the sidewalks within the City limits, shall be deemed guilty of an offense; provided, that this section shall not apply to persons driving across such sidewalks into an adjoining enclosure at the usual place of egress or ingress nor to persons crossing such sidewalks on streets or alleys.
- B. For good cause the City Clerk is authorized to issue permits for definite periods of time for obstruction of portions of streets, sidewalks and alleys upon consultation with the City Administrator.
- C. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require agents or employees of the City of Ashland, to obtain permits for repair, improvement, or construction of streets, sidewalks and alleys.

SECTION 19.1225: Sale of Fireworks

Any person who shall sell or expose for sale any fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, bombs, rockets, pin wheels, fire balloons, roman candles, or any other fireworks of a like kind, within the City shall be deemed guilty of an offense.

This section shall be construed as to prohibit the sales of fireworks in wholesale lots by any person, firm, or corporation for use within the City limits.

SECTION 19.1230: Fireworks and Use of

- A. Discharging. Every person who shall fire, discharge, burn, explode or set off any firecracker, torpedo, bomb, rocket, pinwheel, fire balloon, roman candles or any other firecrackers or fireworks within the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, except as provided in paragraph (B) of this section.
- B. Exceptions to provisions of paragraph (A):
 - 1. Permits for special fireworks displays. The Board of Aldermen is hereby authorized to issue permits for special one day fireworks displays for commercial displays to be held at such places as, in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen, shall provide maximum safety for all persons concerned, and under direct supervision and control of such persons as the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to such authorized events for which such permits have been issued. An application form for a commercial display shall be completed and submitted to the City Clerk no later than thirty (30) days prior to July 4th each year. All applications received will be included as an agenda item at regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting for consideration. (amended Ordinance No. 1283, 2-04-2020)

Article XV. Penalty for Violation

SECTION 19.1300: Penalty

Violations of this Offense Code shall, upon conviction be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both fine and imprisonment for each and every violation

