

April 2, 2012

“Quality of Life” Ordinances

Ordinances that Apply Citywide

- 1) Juvenile Curfew (9-3-2)
- 2) Camping (9-4-11)
- 3) Solicitation (9-4-13)
 - (C) A person commits an offense if the person solicits:
 - (1) in an aggressive manner in a public area;
 - (2) in a bus, at a bus station or stop, or at a facility operated by a transportation authority for passengers;
 - (3) within 25 feet of:
 - (a) an automated teller facility;
 - (b) the entrance or exit of a bank; or
 - (c) the entrance or exit of a check cashing business; or
 - (4) at a marked crosswalk;
 - (5) on either side of the street on a block where a school attended by minors or a child-care facility has an entrance or exit;
 - (6) at a sidewalk café authorized under Chapter 14-4 (*Sidewalk Cafés*) or the patio area of a bar or restaurant; or
 - (7) in the downtown business area described in Section 9-4-14 (*Sitting or Lying Down on Public Sidewalks in the Downtown Business Area Prohibited*) between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- 4) Urinating or Defecating in Public (9-4-15)
- 5) Manifesting the Purpose of Engaging in Prostitution (9-4-16)
- 6) Manifesting the Purpose of Selling an Illegal Drug or Chemical (9-5-62)

Ordinances that Apply to Designated Areas Only

- 1) Alcohol Consumption in Public (4-9-11) (applies in 6 designated areas in the city, including the 12th and Chicon area)
- 2) Glass Containers Prohibited in Certain Areas (9-4-12) (applies in 6 designated areas, including the 12th and Chicon area)
- 3) Sitting or Lying Down on Public Sidewalks or Sleeping Outdoors in the Downtown Austin Community Court Area (9-4-14) (The ordinance is modeled after a Seattle ordinance that was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, in *Roulette v. City of Seattle*. That ordinance was limited to a downtown zone and certain commercial areas.)
- 4) One part of the Solicitation ordinance, (9-4-13)(C)(7), that prohibits any solicitation between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., applies only in the downtown area. Six other types of prohibited solicitation apply citywide, including Aggressive Solicitation.