

Chapter 5  
Curfew Ordinance

Section 5-101 Enactment

This ordinance was enacted at a special town meeting on March 15, 1900.

Section 5-102 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to assure the safety, health, and welfare of the Town's children by restricting their access to public ways and establishments during the evening hours.

Section 5-103 Curfew Provisions

Be it ordained by the town of Winter Harbor, as follows:

- A. No child under fifteen years of age shall be or remain upon any street, alley or lane or in any public place, store, shop, restaurant, saloon or drinking place in this town in the night time after nine o'clock in the afternoon from May first to October thirty-first, both inclusive, nor after the hour of eight o'clock in the afternoon from November first to the last day of April, both inclusive, of each year, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person having the legal custody of such minor, or the employment of such minor makes it necessary to be upon such street, alley or lane or in such public place, store, shop, restaurant, saloon or drinking place after said hours.

And to aid in the practical enforcement of this ordinance it is hereby made the duty of the janitor of the school house or his successors in office to cause three successive strokes of the school house bell to be sounded each night at the hours above named.

- B. Unless a reasonable necessity exists therefore, no parent, guardian or other person having the legal custody of any minor under fifteen years of age shall allow or permit such minor while in such legal custody, to be or remain upon such street, alley or land or in such public place, store, shop, restaurant, saloon or drinking place in this town, nor shall any store, shop, restaurant, saloon-keeper or the keeper of any drinking place or person in charge thereof for the time being, allow or permit such minor to be or remain in or upon his premises within the hours prohibited in the preceding section.

Section 5-104 Violations and Enforcement

Violations of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than five dollars to be recovered for the use of said town; and it shall be the duty of the constables of said town to enforce the observance of the provisions of this ordinance and to prosecute any violation thereof before any Trial Justice or Municipal Court in the County of Hancock, State of Maine. Any person, however, citizen of this town, may make the complaint and prosecute for any violation of the provisions of this ordinance if the constables shall neglect or fail to do so within five days after such violation.

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Historical Note: Enacted at a special town meeting, March 15, 1900.