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Sec. 11-1-1 Offenses Against State Laws Subject to Forfeiture.

The following statutes defining offenses against the peace and good order of the State are adopted by reference to define offenses against the peace and good order of the City of Owen. With the exception of Sec. 938.342, Wis. Stats., the penalty for commission of such offenses hereunder shall be limited to a forfeiture imposed under the general penalty provisions of this Code of Ordinances. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the Statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this Code. The penalty for truancy and high school dropouts shall be governed by the provisions of Sec. 938.342, Wis. Stats., as adopted herein.

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Sec. 11-1-2 Penalties; Attempt; Parties to Acts.

- (a) **Penalty.** In addition to the general penalty provisions of this Code in Section 1-1-7 or any other penalty imposed for violation of any Section of this Title, any person who shall cause physical damage to or destroy any public property shall be liable for the cost of replacing or repairing such damaged or destroyed property. The parent or parents of any unemancipated juvenile who violates Section 11-3-1 may also be held liable for the cost

of replacing or repairing such damaged or destroyed property in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes. Nothing in this Code of Ordinances shall prevent law enforcement authorities from referring violations of the provisions of this Title to the District Attorney's office in the interest of justice.

(b) **Attempt.**

- (1) Whoever attempts to commit an act prohibited by Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owen may be required to forfeit amounts not to exceed one-half (1/2) the maximum penalty for the completed act.
- (2) An attempt to commit an act prohibited by the ordinances in Title 11 requires that the actor have an intent to perform acts and attain a result which, if accomplished, would constitute a violation of these ordinances and that he/she does acts towards the commission of the violation which demonstrate unequivocally, under all the circumstances, that he/she formed that intent and would commit the violation except for the intervention of another person or some other extraneous factor.

(c) **Parties to Acts Prohibited in Title 11.**

- (1) Whoever is concerned in the commission of an act prohibited by Title 11 of this Code of Ordinances, is a principle and may be charged with and convicted of the commission of said act although he/she did not directly commit it and although the person who directly committed it has not been convicted of some other act prohibited by these ordinances.
- (2) A person is concerned in the commission of an act prohibited by these ordinances if he/she:
 - a. Directly commits the act; or
 - b. Intentionally aids and abets the commission of it; or
 - c. Is a party to a conspiracy with another to commit it or advises, hires, counsels, or otherwise procures another to commit it. Such party is also concerned in the commission of any other act which is committed in pursuance of the intended violation and which, under the circumstances, is the natural and probable consequence of the intended violation. This paragraph does not apply to a person who voluntarily changes his/her mind and no longer desires that the act be committed and notifies the other parties concerned of his/her withdrawal within a reasonable time before the commission of the violation so as to allow the others also to withdraw.

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Offenses Against Public Safety and Peace

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Sec. 11-2-1 Regulation of Firearms, Paintball Devices, Explosives, and Other Missiles.

(a) **Discharge of Firearms Regulated.**

- (1) **Discharge Prohibited.** No person shall fire or discharge any firearm, rifle, spring gun, air gun or pneumatic pellet gun of any description in his/her possession or under his/her control within the City of Owen, except as provided in this Section.
- (2) **Exceptions.** The following shall not constitute a violation of Subsection (a) above:
 - a. The maintenance and use of duly supervised rifle or pistol ranges or shooting galleries authorized by the Common Council, or the firing or discharging of BB

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guns upon private premises by persons over sixteen (16) or under the direct personal supervision of a parent or legal guardian.

- b. A person working for a firm or under a plan designated by the Common Council to harvest wildlife pursuant to a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-approved Wildlife Management Program, or engaged in permissible hunting under this Section.
- c. The discharge of a firearm by a law enforcement officer or military personnel acting within the line of duty, including but not limited to active operations, training exercises and ceremonies.
- d. The discharge of a firearm in defense of human life or the residence or place of business of the person discharging the firearm.
- e. The discharge of a firearm at an event, for which the party organizing or promoting such event has obtained a special permit issued by the Chief of Police.

(b) **Hunting Prohibited.**

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (b)(2) below, no hunting of any kind shall be allowed within the corporate boundaries of the City of Owen. This provision does not apply to persons authorized by or firms hired by the City of Owen to conduct wildlife harvest pursuant to DNR-approved Wildlife Management Programs. Open hunting seasons as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) shall not be effective within such municipal boundaries, except as provided in Subsection (b)(2) below.
- (2) Coinciding with the open hunting seasons defined by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for hunting geese, the Common Council may authorize the Chief of Police to issue permits for the hunting of geese within the City of Owen, subject to permit conditions. Permit conditions may include, but not be limited to, limits on numbers of authorized hunters, the use of blinds, and designation of specific locations where the hunting of geese is permitted. The purpose of this hunting exception is to assist in the management of resident geese numbers within the City of Owen.

(c) **Shooting Into City Limits.** No person shall in the territory adjacent to the City discharge any firearm in such manner that the discharge shall enter or fall within the City of Owen in a dangerous manner.

(d) **Explosive Devices.** No person shall discharge or detonate any dynamite, nitroglycerin or other explosive within the City of Owen without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Common Council.

(e) **Throwing or Shooting of Arrows, Stones, or Other Missiles Prohibited.**

- (1) **Prohibition.** It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or cause the discharge of any dangerous missile from any slingshot, bow and arrow or other means within three hundred (300) feet of any inhabited dwelling or building or any public park, square or enclosure.
- (2) **Exceptions.** This Subsection shall not apply:
 - a. To the shooting or discharging of toy arrows or arrows which have a tip made of rubber or similar material.

- b. To a supervised archery range approved by the Common Council.
 - c. Within the interior of a single family dwelling.
 - d. To private archery practice provided such targets are placed in front of a building or an open agricultural field in such a manner as to prevent stray arrows from crossing or entering adjacent properties, provided that such person first has been granted permission by the Chief of Police, in writing, to construct and maintain an approved archery range if in the opinion of the Chief of Police, the construction of such range will in no way endanger the public health and safety.
- (f) **Paintball Discharge Limited.** No person shall on any private property without the express permission of its owner or on any public property (including but not limited to public streets, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, schools, open spaces, recreation facilities or any other public facility and/or grounds) discharge or cause to set off a paintball gun, except as provided as follows:
- (1) **Business Exclusion.** This Subsection specifically excludes any business engaged in the operation of paintball games operating within the appropriate zoning district in which the discharge of paintball guns is carried out in an approved controlled environment.
 - (2) **Exclusion on Private Property.** This Subsection specifically excludes the operation of a paintball gun on private property contingent upon the use of such paintball device being limited to a target which is protected by an appropriate barrier from other private property and prevents damage to same. Under no circumstance shall paintball guns be permitted to be aimed at other human beings and/or animals; this exclusion applies only to an appropriate target on private property.
- (g) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section:
- (1) **Firearm.** Any instrumentality from or with which a shot, bullet or pellet may be discharged or expelled, regardless of whether the propelling force is provided by air, spring or other similar mechanical device, or gun powder.
 - (2) **Paintball Devices.** Any paintball gun/device which is designed or intended to expel a projectile containing paint, ink, or similar material which can cause injury to people or property.

Cross-Reference: Section 12-1-5, Park Hours.

Sec. 11-2-2 Open and Concealed Firearms and Dangerous Weapons.

- (a) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Dangerous Weapon.** Any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any device designed as a weapon capable of producing death or great bodily harm; any ligature or other instrumentality used on the throat, neck, nose, or mouth of another person to impede,

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partially or completely, breathing or circulation of blood; any electric weapon as defined in Sec. 941.295(1c)(a), Wis. Stats.; or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm. [Sec. 939.22, Wis. Stats.].

- (2) **Electric Weapon.** Any device which is designed, redesigned, used or intended to be used, offensively or defensively, to immobilize or incapacitate persons by the use of electric current. [Sec. 941.295(1c)(a), Wis. Stats.].
- (3) **Firearm.** A weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.
- (4) **Handgun.** True handguns designed to be fired one-handed, and does not include machine guns, rifles or shotguns. [Sec. 175.60(1)(bm), Wis. Stats.].
- (5) **Law Enforcement Officer.** Any person employed by the State of Wisconsin, or any political subdivision of this State, for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws and/or ordinances he/she is employed to enforce.
- (6) **Qualified Out-of-State Law Enforcement Officer.** For purposes of this Section, a law enforcement officer to whom all of the following apply:
 - a. The person is employed by a state or local government agency in another state;
 - b. The agency has authorized the officer to carry a firearm;
 - c. The officer is not the subject of any disciplinary action by the agency that could result in the suspension or loss of the person's law enforcement authority;
 - d. The person meets all standards established by the agency to qualify the person on a regular basis to use a firearm; and
 - e. The person is not prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm.

(b) **Firearms and Dangerous Weapons Regulations.**

- (1) **Concealed Carry License/Permit Requirement.** Except as provided in Subsection (b)(3) below, no person shall carry on his or her person any concealed firearm(s) or other dangerous weapon(s) unless a valid license/permit as designated under Sec. 175.60, Wis. Stats., has been duly issued. The weapons that are eligible to be carried while concealed are: handguns; electric weapons; knives except switchblades; and billy clubs.
- (2) **Carrying Prohibited in Designated Municipal Buildings.** In addition to the provisions of Sec. 175.60, Wis. Stats., enumerating places where the open or concealed carrying of a firearm or dangerous weapon is prohibited, including exceptions thereto, it shall be unlawful for any person to enter and/or remain in the following municipal buildings in the City of Owen while carrying a dangerous weapon or a firearm:
 - a. Owen City Hall.
 - b. City of Owen Dept. of Public Works Building.
 - c. Owen-Withee-Curtiss Fire Department Station.
 - d. Owen Public Library.

- e. City Water Utility pumping stations and water towers.
 - f. City Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - g. Any other duly posted City of Owen building or structure.
- (3) **Law Enforcement and Military Personnel Exceptions.** Subsections (b)(1) and (2) above do not apply to:
- a. A sworn law enforcement officer as defined in Sec. 175.60, Wis. Stats.
 - b. A former law enforcement officer who satisfied all of the following requirements:
 - 1. The former officer has been issued a photographic identification document or identification or certification card;
 - 2. The weapon carried is a firearm that is of the type described in the identification document; and
 - 3. Within the preceding twelve (12) months, the former officer met the standards of the state in which he/she resides for training and qualification for active duty law enforcement officers to carry firearms.
 - c. A qualified out-of-state law enforcement officer, but only if the weapon is a firearm but is not a machine gun or destructive device; the officer is not carrying a firearm silencer; and the officer is not under the influence of an intoxicant.
 - d. Armed forces personnel acting in the line of duty.
- (4) **Signage.** Signs meeting the requirements of Sec. 943.13(2)(bm)1, Wis. Stats., shall be posted in prominent locations near all entrances of such buildings/places indicated that possession of a firearm in that building or place is prohibited.
- (5) **Miscellaneous Regulations.**
- a. No person may carry any open or concealed firearm or dangerous weapon onto school property or within one thousand (1,000) feet of a school.
 - b. No person may carry any open or concealed firearm or dangerous weapon into any courtroom while in session.
 - c. No person may enter or remain in a public building which is properly signed and while in possession of any open or concealed firearm or dangerous weapon.
 - d. No person may carry any open or concealed firearm or dangerous weapon into a private business which is properly signed.
 - e. No person may carry any open or concealed firearm or dangerous weapon into any community-type event which lasts no longer than three (3) weeks, has controlled access points which are properly signed, and for which admission is charged.
 - f. No person may carry any open or concealed firearm or dangerous weapon into any establishment that serves alcohol for consumption on the premises and that person partakes in such consumption.
- (c) **Possession, Sale, and Manufacture of Certain Weapons Prohibited.**
- (1) No person shall sell, manufacture, purchase, possess or carry metallic knuckles or knuckles of any substance which could be put to the same use with the same or

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similar effect as metallic knuckles, a "numchuk" (also called a "nunchaku") or any similar weapon, a "cestus" or similar material weighted with metal or other substance and worn on the hand, a "churkin" (also called a "suriken") or any similar object intended to injure a person when thrown, a "sucbai" or similar weapon, a "manrikigusari" or a similar length of chain having weighted ends, or any other martial arts device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce injury or death to another person within the City of Owen.

(2) For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **"Numchuk" or "Nunchaku."** An instrument consisting of two (2) or more sticks, clubs, or rods connected by a rope, cord, wire, or chain.
- b. **"Churkin."** A round throwing knife consisting of several sharp points protruding from a rounded disc.
- c. **"Suchbai."** A short length of wood or metal or similar material which, when gripped in the hand, protrudes on either side of the fist. Such prohibited instrument may or may not have spikes or short pointed protrusions from either end.

(3) Any such device shall be seized by a law enforcement officer and destroyed or turned over to the State of Wisconsin Crime Laboratory for destruction.

(d) **Reckless Use of Weapons.**

(1) **Acts Prohibited.**

- a. No person shall endanger another's safety by reckless conduct in the operation or handling of a firearm, air gun, knife or bow and arrow.
- b. No person shall operate or go armed with a firearm, air gun, knife or bow and arrow while he/she is under the influence of an intoxicant.
- c. No person shall intentionally point a firearm, air gun, knife or bow and arrow at or toward another person.

(2) **Reckless Conduct Defined.** "Reckless conduct" consists of an act which creates a situation of unreasonable risk and high probability of death or great bodily harm to another and which demonstrates a conscious disregard for the safety of another and a willingness to take chances of perpetrating an injury.

Sec. 11-2-3 Safe Use and Transportation of Firearms and Bows.

(a) **Definitions.** In this Section:

(1) **Aircraft** has the meaning given under Sec. 114.002(3), Wis. Stats.

(2) **Encased** means enclosed in a case that is expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no part of the firearm exposed.

- (3) **Firearm** means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.
 - (4) **Highway** has the meaning given under Sec. 340.01(22), Wis. Stats.
 - (5) **Motorboat** has the meaning given under Sec. 30.50(6), Wis. Stats.
 - (6) **Roadway** has the meaning given under Sec. 340.01(54), Wis. Stats.
 - (7) **Unloaded** means any of the following:
 - a. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine attached to a firearm.
 - b. In the case of a cap lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the cap removed.
 - c. In the case of a flint lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the flashpan cleaned of powder.
 - (8) **Vehicle** has the meaning given under Sec. 340.01(74), Wis. Stats., and includes a snowmobile, as defined under Sec. 340.01(58a), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Prohibitions; Motorboats and Vehicles; Highways and Roadways.**
- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a motorboat with the motor running, unless the firearm is unloaded or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.
 - (2) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.
 - (3) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle.
 - (4) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow from or across a highway or within fifty (50) feet from the center of a road.
 - (5) A person who violates Subsections (b) (1) through (4) above is subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Section 1-1-7.
- (c) **Exceptions.**
- (1) Subsection (b) does not apply to any of the following who, in the line of duty, place, possess, transport, load or discharge a firearm in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharge a firearm in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharge a firearm from or across a highway or within fifty (50) feet of the center of a roadway:
 - a. A peace officer, as defined under Sec. 939.22(22), Wis. Stats.
 - b. A member of the U.S. armed forces.
 - c. A member of the National Guard.
 - (2) Subsections (b)(1), (2) and (3) do not apply to the holder of a scientific collector permit under Sec. 29.17, Wis. Stats., who is using a net gun or tranquilizer gun in an activity related to the purpose for which the permit was issued.
 - (3) Subsections (b)(2) and (3) do not apply to the holder of a permit under Sec. 29.09, Wis. Stats., who is hunting from a standing automobile in accordance with that Subsection.

Sec. 11-2-4 Sale and Discharge of Fireworks Restricted.

No person shall sell, expose or offer for sale, use, keep, possess, discharge or explode any fireworks within the limits of the City of Owen unless he/she shall be authorized by a fireworks permit as provided in Title 7, Chapter 6, of this Code of Ordinances, or is lawfully engaged in retail or wholesale sales activities permitted by state law. The term "fireworks" as used in this Section shall be defined as provided in Sec. 167.10(1), Wis. Stats., and shall be deemed to include all fireworks, rockets or similar missiles containing explosive fuel.

State Law Reference: Sec. 167.10, Wis. Stats.

Cross-Reference: Title 7, Chapter 6.

Sec. 11-2-5 Obstructing Streets and Sidewalks Prohibited.

- (a) **Obstructing Streets.** No person shall obstruct, loiter, cause a nuisance or engage in any sport or exercise on any public street, sidewalk, bridge or public ground within the City of Owen in such a manner as to:
- (1) Prevent or obstruct the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon;
 - (2) Prevent or hinder free ingress or egress to or from any place of business or amusement, church, public hall or meeting place; or
 - (3) Cause a nuisance by congregating and hindering the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (b) **Obstructing Public Ways.**
- (1) No person shall obstruct or interfere with by any means any vehicular, railroad or pedestrian traffic on any public walk, highway, street, alley, railroad track or public thoroughfare for the purpose of disrupting the orderly movement of such traffic or to impede intentionally or unintentionally the flow of the vehicular, train or pedestrian traffic on a public walk, highway, street, alley, railroad track or public thoroughfare or at any public building or premises, parking lot or structure.
 - (2) Any unauthorized or unlawful use of property abutting on a public street, alley or sidewalk or of a public street, alley or sidewalk which causes large crowds of people to gather, obstructing traffic and free use of the streets and sidewalks is a violation of this Section.
- (c) **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:
- (1) **Loiter.** To sit, stand, loaf, lounge, wander or stroll in an aimless manner or to stop, pause or remain in an area for no obvious reason.
 - (2) **Nuisance.** Unnecessary conduct which may tend to annoy, intimidate, threaten or otherwise disturb another in or about any public street, sidewalk, bridge or public

ground which is offensive to the public morals or decency of the citizens of the City of Owen.

- (3) **Obstruct.** To interfere with unobstructed travel by any means, including but not limited to standing on the part of the walk that is fit for travel, or placing any object or vehicle whatsoever on such sidewalk.
 - (4) **Sidewalk.** Any sidewalk owned or maintained by the City. The term shall not include sidewalks or walkways on private property in shopping centers, apartment complexes, office building sites or any other private property.
- (d) **Free Speech.** This Section shall not be interpreted as prohibiting any person from stopping on any sidewalk to talk or to make a speech, provided that such person shall not stand in such a location that it is impossible for any pedestrian to travel along the sidewalk without leaving the sidewalk and walking on adjacent property or on the street. If two (2) or more persons are engaged in talking while stopped on a sidewalk, they shall not stand in such locations as to completely prevent any pedestrian from passing them on the sidewalk.

Sec. 11-2-6 Loitering and Unlawful Assemblies Prohibited.

(a) Public Property Loitering Prohibited.

- (1) No person shall loiter in or about any public street, public sidewalk, street crossing, alley, bridge, public parking lot or other place of assembly or public use after being requested to move by any law enforcement officer.
- (2) Upon being requested to move, a person shall immediately comply with such request by leaving the premises or area thereof at the time of the request.
- (3) No person shall loiter in or about any toilet open to the public for the purpose of engaging in or soliciting any lewd or lascivious conduct or any unlawful act.
- (4) No person shall loiter in or about any school or public place at or near which children or students attend or normally congregate. As used in this Subsection, "loiter" means to delay, to linger or to idle in or about any said school or public place without a lawful purpose for being present.

(b) Private Property Loitering Prohibited.

- (1) No person shall loiter in or about any private premises or adjacent doorways or entrances or upon private property held out for public use, including, but not limited to, business or industry parking lots or shopping malls without invitation from the owner or occupant or by any person in authority at such places. No person shall loiter in or about the doorway, stairway, steps or entrance of any business place of private residence without the expressed consent of the owner thereof, or at any time other than usual business hours. Under this Subsection, business place shall include public building at such times that the same shall be closed for the usual and normal business conduct thereat.

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- (2) Upon being requested to move by any such person in authority or by any police officer, a person shall immediately comply with such request by leaving the premises or area thereof at the time of the request.
- (3) No person shall sit, lie, or otherwise recline upon or against any parked motor vehicle without the expressed consent of the owner thereof, whether such be parked upon a public street, alley, parking lot, driveway or private premises.
- (4) No person shall stand or loiter on any roadway other than in a safety zone if such act interferes with the lawful movement of traffic.

(c) **Loitering or Prowling Prohibited.**

- (1) No person shall loiter or prowl in a place, at a time or in a manner not usual for law abiding individuals under circumstances that warrant alarm for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity. Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether such alarm is warranted is the fact that the person takes flight upon appearance of a law enforcement officer, refuses to identify himself/herself or manifestly endeavors to conceal himself/herself or any object. Unless flight by the person or other circumstances makes it impracticable, a law enforcement officer shall, prior to any arrest for an offense under this Section, afford the person an opportunity to dispel any alarm which would otherwise be warranted, by requesting him/her to identify himself/herself and explain his/her presence and conduct. No person shall be convicted of an offense under this Subsection if the law enforcement did not comply with the preceding sentence, or if it appears at trial that the explanation given by the person was true and, if believed by the law enforcement officer at the time, would have dispelled the alarm.
- (2) No person shall hide, wait or otherwise loiter in the vicinity of any private dwelling house, apartment building, or any other place of residence with the unlawful intent to watch, gaze or look upon the occupants therein in a clandestine manner.
- (3) No person shall lodge in any building, structure or place, whether public or private, without the permission of the owner or person entitled to possession or in control thereof.
- (4) No person shall loiter in or about a restaurant, tavern or other public building. As used in this Subsection, "loiter" means to, without just cause, remain in a restaurant, tavern or public building or to remain upon the property immediately adjacent thereto after being asked to leave by the owner or person entitled to possession or in control thereof.

(d) **Loitering by Underage Persons Where Alcohol Beverage is Dispensed.**

- (1) **Underage Persons and Intoxicants.** No underage person shall enter, remain or loiter in any public or private place where any fermented malt beverage or other alcohol beverage is sold, dispensed, given away or made available, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age.
- (2) **Permitting Loitering Prohibited.** No person of legal drinking age shall permit any underage person to enter, remain or loiter in any premises, public or private, where fermented malt beverages or other alcohol beverages are served, sold, dispensed, given

away or made available, unless such underage person is accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age.

(e) **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

- (1) **Loiter.** To sit, stand, loaf, lounge, wander or stroll in an aimless manner or to stop, pause or remain in an area for no obvious reason.
- (2) **Nuisance.** Unnecessary conduct which may tend to annoy, intimidate, threaten or otherwise disturb another in or about any public street, sidewalk, bridge or public ground which is offensive to the public morals or decency of the citizens of the City of Owen.
- (3) **Unlawful Assemblies.** An "unlawful assembly" is an assembly which consists of three (3) or more persons and which causes such a disturbance of public order that it is reasonable to believe that the assembly will cause injury to persons or damage to property unless it is immediately dispersed. An unlawful assembly includes an assembly of persons who assemble for the purpose of blocking or obstructing the lawful use by any other person or persons of any private or public thoroughfares, property or of any positions of access or exit to or from any private or public building, or dwelling place, or any portion thereof and which assembly does in fact so block or obstruct the lawful use by any other person, or persons of such private or public thoroughfares, property or any position of access or exit to or from any private or public building, or dwelling place, or any portion thereof.

(f) **Soliciting.** No person shall loiter in or near any thoroughfare or place open to the public in a manner and under circumstances manifesting the purpose of inducing, enticing, soliciting or procuring another to commit an act of prostitution. Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether such purpose is manifested: that such person is a known prostitute or panderer, that such person repeatedly beckons to stop or attempts to stop, or engages male or female passersby in conversation, or repeatedly stops or attempts to stop motor vehicle operators by hailing, waving of arms or any other bodily gesture. The violator's conduct must be such as to demonstrate a specific intent to induce, entice, solicit or produce another to commit an act of prostitution. No arrest shall be made for a violation of this Subsection unless the law enforcement officer first affords such persons an opportunity to explain such conduct, and no one shall be convicted of violating this Subsection if it appears at trial that the explanation given was true and disclosed a lawful purpose. As used in this Subsection:

- (1) **Public Place** is an area generally visible to public view and includes streets, sidewalks, bridges, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, parking lots, automobiles, whether moving or not, and buildings open to the general public, including those which serve food or drink or provide entertainment, and the doorway and entrance to buildings or dwellings and the grounds enclosing them.
- (2) **Known Prostitute or Panderer** means a person who, within five (5) years previous to the date of arrest for violation of this Section, had, within the knowledge of the

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sworn police officer, been convicted in any municipal court or circuit court in the State of Wisconsin of an offense involving prostitution.

- (g) **Unlawful Assemblies.** Whoever intentionally fails or refuses to withdraw from an unlawful assembly which the person knows has been ordered to disperse is guilty of a violation of this Section.

Sec. 11-2-7 Noise Limitations; Noise Pollution Prevention.

- (a) **Purpose.** Excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health, welfare, safety, and the quality of life. It is the intent of this Section to minimize the public's exposure to the physiological and psychological dangers of excessive noise, and protect, promote and preserve the public health, safety and welfare. It is the express purpose of this Section to control the level of noise in the City of Owen in a manner which promotes the reasonable use and enjoyment of property, conduct of business, sleep and repose of residents, and an environment free from unnecessary and excessive sound that constitutes noise pollution. This Section shall be liberally construed to carry out its public purposes.
- (b) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section, unless the context otherwise clearly indicates:
- (1) **"A" Band Level.** The total sound level of all noise as measured with a sound level meter using the the "A" weighting network. The unit is the dB(A). Instrument response shall be set on "fast" for motor vehicle measurement and "slow" for all other measurements.
 - (2) **Ambient Noise Level.** The sound pressure level of the all-encompassing noise - associated with a given environment, being usually a composite of sounds with many sources and excluding the specific noise under investigation.
 - (3) **Band-Pressure Level.** The sound pressure level for the sound contained within the restricted band (a specified frequency).
 - (4) **Commercial Purpose.** The use, operation or maintenance of any sound amplifying equipment for the purpose of advertising any business, or any goods, or any services, or for the purpose of attracting attention the attention of the public to or advertising for, or soliciting patronage or customers to or for any event, performance, show, exhibition or entertainment, or for the purpose of demonstrating any such sound equipment.
 - (5) **Cycle.** The complete sequence of values of a periodic quantity which occurs during a period of time.
 - (6) **Decibel (dB).** A unit of level which denotes the ratio between two (2) quantities which are proportional to power; the number of decibels corresponding to the ratio of two (2) amounts of power is ten (10) times the logarithm to the base ten (10) of this ratio.
 - (7) **Emergency Work.** Work made necessary to restore property to a safe condition following a public emergency or work required to protect persons or property from an imminent exposure to danger.

- (8) **Frequency.** The frequency of a function periodic in time shall mean the reciprocal of the primitive period. The unit is the "cycle per unit" and shall be specified.
- (9) **Microbar.** A unit of pressure commonly used in acoustics and is equal to one (1) dyne per square centimeter.
- (10) **Motor Vehicle.** Is defined in Sec. 340.01(35), Wis. Stats. For purposes of this Section, "motor vehicle" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
- a. **Aircraft** as defined in Sec. 29.001(16), Wis. Stats.
 - b. **All-Terrain vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats.
 - c. **Antique vehicles** as described in Sec. 341.265, Wis. Stats.
 - d. **Automobiles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(4), Wis. Stats.
 - e. **Boats** as defined in Sec. 29.001(16), Wis. Stats.
 - f. **Camping trailers** as defined in Sec. 340.01(6m), Wis. Stats.
 - g. **Farm equipment** as defined in Sec. 100.47(1), Wis. Stats.
 - h. **Farm tractors** as defined in Sec. 340.01(16), Wis. Stats.
 - i. **Hobbyist or homemade vehicles** as defined in Sec. 341.268, Wis. Stats.
 - j. **Junk vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(25j), Wis. Stats.
 - k. **Implements of husbandry** as defined in Sec. 340.01(24), Wis. Stats.
 - l. **Manufactured homes** as defined in Sec. 101.91(2), Wis. Stats.
 - m. **Mobile homes** as defined in Sec. 340.01(29), Wis. Stats.
 - n. **Mopeds** as defined in Sec. 340.01(29m), Wis. Stats.
 - o. **Motor bicycles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(30), Wis. Stats.
 - p. **Motor buses** as defined in Sec. 340.01(31), Wis. Stats.
 - q. **Motor homes** as defined in Sec. 340.01(33m), Wis. Stats.
 - r. **Motor trucks** as defined in Sec. 340.01(34), Wis. Stats.
 - s. **Motor vehicle** as defined in Sec. 340.01(35), Wis. Stats.
 - t. **Motorcycles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(32), Wis. Stats.
 - u. **Railroad trains** as defined in Sec. 340.01(48), Wis. Stats.
 - v. **Recreational vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(48r), Wis. Stats.
 - w. **Road machinery** as defined in Sec. 340.01(52), Wis. Stats.
 - x. **Road tractors** as defined in Sec. 340.01(53), Wis. Stats.
 - y. **Salvage vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(55g), Wis. Stats.
 - z. **School buses** as defined in Sec. 340.01(56), Wis. Stats.
 - aa. **Self-Propelled Vehicles** of any type.
 - bb. **Semi trailers** as defined in Sec. 340.01(57), Wis. Stats.
 - cc. **Snowmobiles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(58), Wis. Stats.
 - dd. **Special interest vehicles** as defined in Sec. 341.266, Wis. Stats.
 - ee. **Trailers** as defined in Sec. 340.01(71), Wis. Stats.
 - ff. **Truck tractors** as defined in Sec. 340.01(73), Wis. Stats.
 - gg. **Unlicensed demolition motor vehicles, unlicensed racing motor vehicles, and go carts, garden tractors, riding lawn mowers, and other motorized tractors, motorized carts, and motorized utility vehicles** that require no registration or licensure by the State of Wisconsin.

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- (11) **Noncommercial Purpose.** The use, operation or maintenance of any sound equipment for other than a commercial purpose, and shall include, but not be limited to, civic, patriotic, philanthropic, charitable and/or political purposes.
 - (12) **Period.** The smallest increment of time for which the function repeats itself.
 - (13) **Periodic Quantity.** Means the oscillating quantity, the values of which recur for equal increments of time.
 - (14) **Sound-Amplifying Equipment or Device.** Any device, equipment, musical instrument, loudspeaker, radio, television, digital or analog music player, public address equipment, electronics or machine for the amplification or intensification of music, the human voice, or any other sound. Not included in this definition are standard automobile or truck radios and audio equipment when used and heard only by the occupants of the vehicle in which the radio or audio equipment is installed. As used in this Section, this definition shall also not include warning devices on any emergency vehicle or vehicle used for traffic or worker safety purposes.
 - (15) **Sound Analyzer.** A device for measuring the band pressure level or pressure spectrum level of a sound as a function of frequency.
 - (16) **Sound Level Meter.** An instrument sensitive to pressure fluctuations and meeting the standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) SI.4-1983 or its successors. The instrument shall use the "A" weighted network.
 - (17) **Sound Pressure Level.** Measured in decibels of sound, shall mean twenty (20) times the logarithm to the base ten (10) of the ratio of the pressure of this sound to the reference pressure, which reference pressure shall be explicitly stated.
 - (18) **Sound Truck.** Any motor vehicle, or any other vehicle regardless of method of motive power, whether stationary or in motion, having mounted thereon, or attached thereto, any sound-amplifying equipment.
 - (19) **Spectrum of a Function of Time.** The spectrum of a function of time shall mean a description of its resolution into components, each of a different frequency.
- (c) **Decibel Measurement Criteria.** Unless otherwise indicated, any decibel (dB) measurement made pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be based on the reference sound pressure and measured with a sound level meter using the "A" weighting network. In this Section, the terms dB and dB(A) are synonymous unless otherwise stated.
- (d) **Limitations on General Sources of Sound or Noise.**
- (1) **Loud and Unnecessary Noise or Sound Prohibited.**
 - a. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud and unnecessary noise as regulated by this Section. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the operation of any source of sound or noise in such manner as to create a sound level that equals or exceeds the sound level limits set forth in this Section or which occurs during designated times of sound or noise limitation. Noise and sound shall be so muffled or otherwise controlled as not to become objectionable, due to intermittence, duration, beat, frequency, periodic character, impulse character or shrillness

- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate, or permit to be used or operated, any sound-amplifying equipment or device in any public or private place in such manner that persons owning, occupying or using property in the neighborhood are unreasonably disturbed or annoyed by noise or sound levels that equal or exceed the sound level limits set forth in this Section.
- (2) **General Noise Sound Levels Established.** The maximum permissible sound pressure levels of any continuous source of sound shall be as herein established for the time period and use classification listed below. This includes, but is not limited to, sound from such activities as production, processing, entertainment, cleaning, servicing, maintenance, operating and/or repairing vehicles, goods, materials, products or devices. Sound pressures in excess of those established below, during the named time periods, shall constitute prima facie evidence that such sound is an excessive and unnecessary noise creating noise pollution:

Sound Pressure Level Limit dB(A)

Districts/Time	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
7 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Day)	95	95	95
10 p.m. - 7 a.m. (Night)	85	85	85

[**Note:** "Residential" includes the residential portion of a multi-use property. "Commercial" includes the non-residential portion of a multi-use property and public properties.]

- (3) **Agricultural Parcels.** The sound pressure limits established above for commercial parcels shall also apply to any parcel of land zoned agricultural..
- (4) **Where Measured.** Sound pressure levels shall be measured at the approximate location of the property line or the boundary of the public right-of-way, at a height of at least three (3) feet above the ground surface and at least three (3) feet away from walls, obstructions, barriers or sound reflective surfaces. Measurements shall be taken using a sound level meter which operates on the "A" weighting network.
- (5) **Different Land Use Categories.** Sound projecting from a property of one land use category onto property of another land use category having a lower sound level limit shall not exceed the limits for the property of the land use category onto which it is projected.
- (e) **Exceptions.** The sound level limitations of Subsection (d) above shall not apply to:
- (1) **Emergency Work.** Sounds caused by emergency equipment and emergency work necessary in the interests of law enforcement or the protection of the safety, health

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- or welfare of the community or individuals, or to restore property to a safe condition following a calamity.
- (2) **Emergency Alarms.** Sounds created by fire and other emergency alarms.
 - (3) **State-Prescribed Noise Limits.** Situations where specific noise standards or limitations prescribed by the Wisconsin Statutes or Wisconsin Administrative Code are applicable.
 - (4) **Federal Noise Limits.** Sound production devices required or sanctioned under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or other government agencies to the extent that they comply with the noise requirements of the enabling legislation or regulation. Examples are sounds regulated by federal law that include sounds caused by aircraft, railroads and interstate motor carriers.
 - (5) **Sports and School Events.** Amplified or non-amplified sounds created by organized athletic, school or other group activities, when those activities are conducted on property generally used for that type of activity, such as athletic fields, parks, and schools, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
 - (6) **Community Events; Public Fireworks Displays.** Sounds created by community/civic events, such as, but not limited to, public fireworks displays, street dances, fairs and festivals, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Included in this exception is the reasonable utilization of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of noncommercial use at such events.
 - (7) **Solid Waste Collection.** Sounds made by City-authorized solid waste and recyclables collectors engaged in collection activities.
 - (8) **Snow Removal.** Sounds made by the removal of snow or ice from public or private property provided equipment used for this purpose has operable mufflers meeting manufacturer's specifications.
 - (9) **Public Works Construction.** Excavations or repairs of streets or other public construction on behalf of a governmental entity at night when public welfare and convenience is served.
 - (10) **Bells and Chimes.** Any bell or chime or any device for the production or reproduction of the sound of bells or chimes from any clock, school or place of religious worship.
- (f) **Specific Noise and Sound Limitations.**
- (1) **Lawn and Yard Maintenance Equipment.** Sounds created by yard maintenance equipment, such as lawn mowers, power tools, home maintenance tools, leaf blowers, chainsaws, rototillers, and yard maintenance equipment, are exempt from the sound limits of Subsection (d) provided such equipment is operated with operable mufflers meeting manufacturer's specifications. Such equipment shall only be operated outside between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 pm.
 - (2) **Portable Sound Production Devices on Public Property.** Self-contained, portable, non-vehicular music or sound production devices shall not be operated on a public space, public property or public right-of-way in such a manner as to be plainly audible

at a distance of fifty (50) feet in any direction from the operator between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., such sound shall not be plainly audible at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet in any direction from the operator.

- (3) **Construction, Repair or Demolition of Buildings.** The construction (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building, as well as the operation of any pile driver, heavy equipment, pneumatic hammer, motorized or electric hoist or any similar such equipment attended by loud or unusual noise shall only be conducted between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Saturday or Sunday. Such operations shall be subject to the sound level limitations of Subsection (d) above.
 - (4) **Schools, Hospitals, Religious Institutions and Libraries.** No person shall create any unnecessary noise on any street, sidewalk or public place adjacent to any school, library or religious institution while the same is in use; or adjacent to any hospital which noise unreasonably interferes with the operations of such facility or which unduly disturbs patients therein, provided signage is erected on such street, sidewalk or public place indicating the presence of a school, hospital, religious institution or library.
- (g) **Temporary Variance Permits.**
- (1) **Application.** The Chief of Police may grant a temporary permit which allows noncompliance with the limitations prescribed in this Section for the purpose of amplified sound or construction noise activities of short duration. Permits may be granted upon application provided an initial evaluation indicates that the permit will not result in a condition injurious to public health, safety and general enjoyment of property. The application shall contain the following information:
 - a. Dates requested;
 - b. Time and place of operation;
 - c. Equipment and operation involved;
 - d. Necessity for such permit;
 - e. Steps to be taken to minimize noise; and
 - f. Name, address and contact information (landline, cellphone and fax numbers; email address) of the responsible person(s) who will be present at the site while the noise is being produced.
 - (2) **Application Review Criteria.** The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of an application:
 - a. **Temporary Amplified Sound Permits.**
 1. Distance of proposed activities from noise-sensitive property.
 2. Number and type of amplification devices to be used with the proposed activities.
 3. Anticipated direction of amplification devices.

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4. Anticipated length of proposed activities.
 5. Whether the activity will be held within or outside of a structure.
 6. The public purposes of this Section.
- b. **Temporary Construction Noise Permits.**
1. Distance from noise-sensitive property.
 2. Type of activity and equipment.
 3. Estimated noise level and duration.
 4. Noise mitigation measures to be employed.
 5. Health and safety benefits to be realized as a result of the completed project.
 6. A statement explaining how compliance with the standards of this Section would cause extraordinary loss or inconvenience to the applicant and be against the public interest.
 7. The public purposes of this Section.
- (3) **Application Determination; Revocation; Appeals.**
- a. Upon a determination that the granting of a temporary variance permit will not result in a condition injurious to public health or safety, the permit may be issued, with any requirements appropriate to the proposed activity site.
 - b. A City enforcement official may revoke a temporary variance permit if it is found that any requirement of the permit has been violated.
 - c. Any person aggrieved by the disposition of an application and/or issuance of a temporary variance permit may appeal such disposition to the Common Council by filing a written appeal request with the City Clerk-Treasurer within fifteen (15) days of the issuance decision regarding the permit.

Sec. 11-2-8 Disorderly Conduct.

- (a) **Disorderly Conduct Prohibited.** No person within the City of Owen shall:
- (1) In any public or private place engage in violent, noisy, riotous, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct which tends to cause or provoke an immediate disturbance of public order or tends to annoy or disturb any other person;
 - (2) Intentionally cause, provoke or engage in any fight, brawl, riot or noisy altercation;
 - (3) With intent to annoy another, make a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues;
 - (4) Indecently expose his or her person;
 - (5) Be in any business or private structure, private vehicle or upon any private grounds without the consent of the owner.
- (b) **Violent and Abusive Behavior; Non-Verbal Gestures.** No person in any public or private place may engage in any violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud

or otherwise disorderly conduct which tends to cause or provoke an immediate disturbance of public order or tends to disturb or annoy any other person. Such prohibited conduct also includes non-verbal gestures, signals or gang signs if said conduct tends to cause or provoke an immediate disturbance of public order or tends to disturb or annoy any other person.

- (c) **Defecating or Urinating in Public Places.** It shall be unlawful for any person to defecate or urinate outside of designed sanitary facilities, upon any sidewalk, street, alley, public parking lot, park, playground, cemetery or other public area within the City, or upon any private property in open view of the public, or in the halls, rooms without restroom facilities, stairways or elevators of public or commercial buildings, or to indecently expose his person.
- (d) **Disturbance of Meetings.** No person may disrupt or disturb any congregation, audience, public meeting or lawful assembly of persons of any kind, or in concert with others disturb or disrupt such meeting.
- (e) **Public Intoxication.** It shall be unlawful for any person to in public be in a state of intoxication, either under the influence of a controlled substance, prescription drug, alcohol beverage or other substance.
- (f) **Public Indecency.**
 - (1) **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following definitions shall be applicable:
 - a. **Nudity.** The showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than fully opaque covering, the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple, or the showing of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.
 - b. **Peep.** Any looking or peering of a clandestine, surreptitious, prying, or secretive nature.
 - (2) **Prohibitions.** Whoever does any of the following is guilty of public indecency:
 - a. Commits an indecent act of sexual gratification with another with knowledge that they are in the presence of others.
 - b. Publicly and indecently exposes genitals or pubic area.
 - c. Appears publicly in a state of nudity.
 - d. Engages in masturbation, or conduct which would appear to an ordinary observer to be masturbation, with knowledge that they are in the presence of others or that they can be observed by others.
 - (3) **Prohibited Nonconsensual Behavior.** No person shall do any of the following without the consent of the other person:
 - a. Peep into an area where an occupant of the area has a reasonable expectation of privacy, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. Restrooms;
 - 2. Bath and/or shower units; and
 - 3. Dressing rooms.

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- b. Go upon the land of another with the intent to peep into an occupied dwelling of another person; this includes the placement of recording devices.
- (4) **Exceptions.**
- a. This Section shall not apply to the following:
 - 1. Legitimate, authorized law enforcement activities.
 - 2. A mother's breast-feeding of her child.
 - b. Subsection (2)b above shall not apply to the following:
 - 1. A theater, concert hall, art center, museum or similar establishment which is primarily devoted to the arts or theatrical performances and in which any of the circumstances contained in this Section were permitted or allowed as part of such art exhibits or performances.
 - 2. Establishments fully complying with the requirements of Title 11, Chapter 7 of this Code of Ordinances.

Cross-References: Section 11-2-6(c) and Title 11, Chapter 7.

State Law Reference: Sec. 944.20, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-2-9 Unauthorized Presence on School Property.

(a) **Unauthorized Presence.**

- (1) No student who is under suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary procedures excluding him/her from attending any school located within the City of Owen or any person not a student presently enrolled or not an employee of such schools or not a parent or guardian of a student, or not an otherwise "authorized person," shall be present within any school building or upon any school grounds without having first secured authorization to be there from the principal or other person in charge of the school building or school grounds, except while in direct route to secure such authorization.
- (2) Any unauthorized person who shall come upon school property and refuses to leave upon request by the school principal or any person acting under the direction of the school principal, in addition to violating Subsection (a)(1), shall be guilty of trespass.
- (3) "Authorized person" shall include:
 - a. Any person who is present at any school building or school grounds for the purpose previously authorized by the school or their designee;
 - b. Any person transporting a student and who utilizes the driveway specified for loading and unloading personnel;
 - c. Any person utilizing a designated area for attending an athletic or other organized school event.

(b) **Disorderly Conduct on Public School Property.**

- (1) No person shall, on any school property or building, engage in violent, abusive, loud or otherwise disorderly conduct which causes or provokes an immediate disturbance of public order or disturbs or annoys any other person; nor shall a person intentionally

- engage in any fight, brawl, riot or noisy altercation other than a bona fide athletic contest.
- (2) Non-students, students from schools other than the school on the property or students from a school who are not in compliance with the School System's published rules and regulations shall be considered in violation of this Section. The published rules and regulations of the School System are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
 - (3) All entrances to the school buildings referred to in Subsection (a) shall be posted by the School Board with a notice stating "Entry Into School Building by Unauthorized Person Prohibited."
 - (4) "Unauthorized presence" shall include any vehicle that is found on school property which has not received permission to be there. If the occupants or owners are not on school property for some legitimate business or activity or are parked in an area that regulates parking to certain authorized vehicles, they are in violation. Such vehicle may be issued a City summons/citation that regulates parking or may be towed away at the direction of the school principal or person in charge of such school building. Law enforcement officers may also have any vehicle towed away which, because of its location, creates a hazard to life or property.
- (c) **Loitering Near School Prohibited.** No person not in official attendance or on official school business shall enter into, congregate, loiter or cause a nuisance in any school building in the City of Owen or upon any School District grounds or within adjacent posted school zones on any day when such schools are in session.
 - (d) **Possession of Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages.** No person shall possess intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages while on any school property.
 - (e) **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.
 - (1) **Loiter.** To sit, stand, loaf, lounge, wander or stroll in an aimless manner or to stop, pause or remain in an area for no obvious reason.
 - (2) **Nuisance.** Unnecessary conduct which may tend to annoy, intimidate, threaten or otherwise disturb another in or about any public street, sidewalk, bridge or public ground which is offensive to the public morals or decency of the citizens of the City of Owen.

Sec. 11-2-10 Failure to Obey Lawful Order; Resisting an Officer.

- (a) **Lawful Orders.** It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to obey the direction or order of a law enforcement officer while such police officer is acting in an official capacity in carrying out his or her duties.
- (b) **Resisting or Interfering with Officer Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to resist or in any way interfere with any law enforcement officer or any person called to assist such officer, or to threaten, resist or interfere with such officer or person or to advise

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or encourage any other person to resist or interfere with such officer or person in the discharge of his/her duty, or to in any way interfere with or hinder or prevent him/her from discharging his/her duty as such officer or assistant, or to offer or endeavor to do so, or to in any manner assist any person in the custody of any law enforcement officer to escape or to attempt to escape from such custody, or to try to persuade any person to escape from the custody of such officer, or to rescue or attempt to rescue any person so in custody or to fail to obey the order or direction of such officer while such officer is acting in his/her official capacity in carrying out his/her duties.

Sec. 11-2-11 Possession of Controlled Substances; Marijuana; Toxic Inhalants.

- (a) **Possession of Controlled Substances.** It is unlawful for any person to possess a controlled substance, other than a controlled substance classified in schedule I and II under Chapter 961, Wis. Stats., which is a narcotic drug, unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order of, a practitioner while acting in the course of his/her professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this Code of Ordinances. [See also Sec. 11-5-6 regarding Drug Paraphernalia].
- (b) **Possession of Marijuana.**
- (1) No person shall possess twenty-five (25) grams or less of marijuana (tetrahydrocannabinols, commonly known as "THC", in any form including tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) contained in marijuana or its salts, isomers or salts of isomers, obtained from marijuana or chemically synthesized), as defined in Sec. 961.01, Wis. Stats., unless it was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by Chapter 961, Wis. Stats.
 - (2) A positive Dequenois/Levine test for tetrahydrocannabinols, or other test of comparative validity, shall be prima facie evidence that the substance is or contains tetrahydrocannabinols.
 - (3) For purposes of this Section, "practitioner" means:
 - a. A physician, dentist, veterinarian, podiatrist, scientific investigator or other person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to, or administer a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in the State of Wisconsin.
 - b. A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or administer a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in the State of Wisconsin.
 - (4) This Section does not apply to any person who is charged with possession of more than twenty-five (25) grams of marijuana, or who is charged with possession of any

amount of marijuana following a conviction for possession of any amount of marijuana, in the State of Wisconsin.

(c) **Toxic Inhalants.**

(1) **Definitions.** "Toxic inhalants" shall mean any glue, paint, gasoline, aerosol, adhesive cement, mucilage, plastic cement or any similar substance containing one or more of the following volatile substances:

- a. Acetone;
- b. Benzene;
- c. Butyl alcohol;
- d. Cyclohexanone;
- e. Ethyl acetate;
- f. Ethyl alcohol;
- g. Ethylene dichloride;
- h. Hexane;
- i. Isopropyl alcohol;
- j. Methyl alcohol;
- k. Methyl celosove;
- l. Acetate;
- m. Methyl ethyl ketone;
- n. Methyl isobutyl ketone;
- o. Pentachlorophenol;
- p. Petroleum ether;
- q. Trichlorethylene;
- r. Tricresylphosphate;
- s. Toluene;
- t. Toluol; or
- u. Any other chemical capable of producing intoxication when inhaled.

(2) **Inhalation of Vapors or Fumes from Toxic Inhalants Prohibited.** No person shall inhale or otherwise introduce into his respiratory tract any toxic vapors or fumes which may be released from any toxic inhalants with the intent of becoming intoxicated, elated, excited, stupefied, irrational, paralyzed, or of changing, distorting, or disturbing his/her eyesight, thinking process, judgment, balance or muscular coordination.

(3) **Limitations on Sales, Transfer, and Possession of Toxic Inhalants.** No person shall, for the purpose of violating or aiding another to violate any provision of this Subsection, possess, buy, sell, transfer possession or receive possession of any toxic inhalants.

(d) **Additional Penalties.** In addition to the penalties in Section 1-1-7:

(1) If any adult violates Subsections (b) or (c), the court shall, in addition to any other penalties that may apply to the offense, suspend or revoke the person's operating

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privilege for not less than six (6) months nor more than five (5) years. The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended or revoked license and forward it to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, together with the record of conviction and notice of suspension or revocation.

- (2) If any person who is under eighteen (18) years of age violates Subsections (b) or (c), such person shall be subject to the same penalties set forth in Subsection (d)(1) or participation in a supervised work program or both.
- (3) If any person who is under eighteen (18) years of age violates Subsections (b) or (c), the court shall, in addition to any other penalties that may apply to the offense, suspend or revoke the person's operating privilege for not less than six (6) months nor more than five (5) years. The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended or revoked license and forward it to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, together with the record of conviction and notice of suspension or revocation.

State Law Reference: Chapter 961, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-2-12 Synthetic Cannabinoid Prohibited.

(a) **Purpose; Background.**

- (1) **Improper Sales.** Products that are commonly known as synthetic cannabinoid or marijuana containing synthetic cannabinoids, or related chemicals in the form of incense or herbal smoking blends are commonly marketed or sold to the public under names such as, but not limited to: "K2", "K3" or "K4"; "K-2 Summit"; "K-2 Sex"; "Spice"; "Genie"; "Yucatan Fire"; "Dascents"; "Zohal"; "Sage"; "Pep Spice"; "Solar Flare"; "K.O. Knock-Out 2"; "Spice Gold"; "Spice Diamond"; "Spice Cannabinoid"; and "Fire and Ice".
- (2) **Scientific Background.** The Common Council finds that the United States Drug Enforcement Agency in 2008 alerted law enforcement and public officials that synthetic cannabinoid products are structurally and pharmacologically similar to the active ingredient of marijuana, a Schedule 1 controlled substance, and though there are hundreds of synthetic compounds, some are more common and include, but are not limited to:
 - a. **Salviadinorum or Salvinorum A.** All parts of the plant presently classified botanically as salvia divinorum.
 - b. **JWH-018.** (1-Pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole is an analgesic chemical from the naphthoylindole family, which acts as a full agonist at both the CB1 and CB2 cannabinoid receptors, with some selectivity for CB2. It produces effects in animals similar to those of THC, a cannabinoid naturally present in cannabis, leading to its use in synthetic cannabis.

- c. **JWH-073.** 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole is an analgesic chemical from the naphthoylindole family, which acts as a partial agonist at both the CB1 and CB2 cannabinoid receptors. It is somewhat selective for the CB2 subtype with affinity at this subtype approximately 5x the affinity at CB1. The abbreviation JWH stands for John W. Huffman, one of the inventors of the compound.
- d. **JWH-200.** 1-[2-4(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole is an analgesic chemical from the phenylacetylindole family, which acts as a cannabinoid agonist at both the CB1 and CB2 receptors, with a K_i of 11nM at CB1 and 33nM at CB2. Unlike many of the older JWH series of compounds, this compound does not have a naphthalene ring, instead occupying this position with a 2'-methoxyphenyl group making JWH-250 a representative member of a new class of cannabinoid ligands.
- e. **CP 47, 497.** 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-5-(2-methylcatan-2-yl) phenol [some trade and other names: CP-47, 497] and 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-5-(2 methylnonan-2-yl) phenol [some trade names and other names: CP-47, 497, C8 homologue, cannabicyclohexanol] is a cannabinoid receptor agonist drug, developed by Prizer in the 1980's. It has analgesic effects and is used in scientific research. It is a potent CB1 agonist with a K_d of 2.1nM.
- f. **JWH-081.** 4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl-(1-pentylindol-3-yl) methanone is an analgesic chemical from the naphthoylindole family, which acts as a cannabinoid agonist at both the CB1 and CB2 receptors. It is fairly selective for the CB1 subtype, with affinity at this subtype approximately 10x the affinity at CB2.
- g. **JWH-250.** (1-pentyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(2methoxyphenyl)-ethanone is an analgesic chemical from the phenylacetylindole family, which acts as a cannabinoid agonist at both the CB1 and CB2 receptors, with a K_i of 11nM at CB2. Unlike many of the older JWH series compounds, this compound does not have a naphthalene ring, instead occupying this position with a 2'-methoxyphenylphenylacetyl group making JWH-250 a representative member of a new class of cannabinoid ligands.
- h. **HU-210.** (6aR, 10aR)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6, 6-dimethyl-3-(2methyloctan-2-yl)6a, 7, 10, 10a-tetrahydrobenzo[c] chromen-1-ol is structurally and pharmacologically similar to tetrahydrocannabinol.
- (3) **Federal Health and Law Enforcement Warning.** The Common Council notes that the National Drug Intelligence Center of the United States Department of Justice issued an immediate alert to law enforcement and public health officials of potential substance abuse problems and harmful side effects related to the use of these synthetic cannabinoid products in EWS 000006 dated May 18, 2010.
- (4) **Statutory Status.** The Common Council finds that while these synthetic cannabinoids listed above may be prohibited controlled substance analogs under Chapter 961, Wis. Stats., currently the State of Wisconsin does not specifically list the synthetic cannabinoids as controlled substances in Chapter 961, Wis. Stats.

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- (5) **Municipal Determination.** The Common Council finds that, in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare, products containing synthetic cannabinoids, or structurally similar products intended to mimic the effects of marijuana, such controlled substance(s) should be prohibited in the City of Owen.
- (b) **Possession, Use and Sale Prohibited.** It shall be illegal for any person to use, possess, purchase, attempt to purchase, sell, publically display for sale or attempt to sell, give, or barter any material, chemical, compound, mixture or preparation that is intended to have the same or similar effects of the controlled substance marijuana including, but not limited to, synthetic cannabinoids, JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, JWH-081, JWH-250, Hu-210; cannabicyclohexanol, cp 47, 497; or any similar structural analogs commonly found in, referred to, or marketed or sold under the names "K2", "K3", "K4", "Spice", "Genie", "Yucatan Fire", "Fake, new or legal marijuana", or by any other name, label or description:
- (1) Salviadivorum or salvinorum A; all parts of the plant presently classified botanically as salvia divinorum, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof; any extract from any part of such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salts derivative, mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds or extracts;
 - (2) (6aR, 10aR)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6, 6dimethyl-3 (2methyloctan-2-yl)-6a, 7, 10, 10a-tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-ol, some trade or other name(s); HU-210;
 - (3) 1-Pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole or some trade or other name(s); JWH-018, Spice;
 - (4) 1-Butyl-3-(1naphthoyl) indole or some trade or other name(s); JWH-073;
 - (5) 1-(3{trifluoromethylphenyl}) piperazine or some trade or other name(s); TFMPP;
 - (6) 1-[2-4(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole or some trade or other name(s); JWH-200;
 - (7) 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-5-(2-methylocatan-2-yl) phenol or some trade or other name(s); CP-47, 497;
 - (8) 4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl-(1-pentylindol-3-yl) methanone or some trade or other name(s);
 - (9) (1-pentyl 1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(2methoxyphenyl)-ethanone or some trade or other name(s); JWH;
 - (10) Any similar structural analogs.
- (c) **Medical or Dental Use Allowed.** Acts otherwise prohibited under Subsection (b) above shall not be unlawful if done by or under the direction of prescription of a licensed physician, dentist or other medical health professional authorized to direct or prescribe such acts, provided that such use is permitted under state and federal law.

Sec. 11-2-13 Crossing a Police Line.

No individual shall cross a police or fire line that has been so designated by banner, signs or other similar identification.

Sec. 11-2-14 Harassment.

- (a) **Harassment.** No person, with intent to harass or intimidate another person, shall do any of the following; each instance shall be considered a separate violation:
- (1) Strike, shove, kick or otherwise subject the person to physical contact or attempts or threatens to do the same.
 - (2) Engage in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits acts which harass or intimidate the person and which serve no legitimate purpose.
- (b) **Harassing or Obscene Telephone Calls.** Whoever commits any of the following acts shall be subject to the general penalty as provided in this Code of Ordinances:
- (1) Makes any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious or indecent;
 - (2) Makes a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, with the intent to abuse, threaten or harass any person at the called number or numbers;
 - (3) Makes or causes the telephone of another repeatedly or continuously to ring, with intent to harass any person at the called number or numbers;
 - (4) Makes repeated telephone calls, during which conversation ensues, solely to harass any person at the called number or numbers;
 - (5) Knowingly permits any telephone under his/her control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this Section;
 - (6) In conspiracy or concerted action with other persons, makes repeated calls or simultaneous calls solely to harass any person at the called number or numbers.

Sec. 11-2-15 Open Cisterns, Wells, Basements or Other Dangerous Excavations Prohibited.

No person shall have or permit on any premises owned or occupied by him/her any open cisterns, cesspools, wells, unused basements, excavations or other dangerous openings. All such places shall be filled, securely covered or fenced in such manner as to prevent injury to any person and any cover shall be of a design, size and weight that the same cannot be removed by small children. Building Code fencing requirement regarding excavations shall be complied with.

Sec. 11-2-16 Gambling, Lotteries, Fraudulent Devices and Practices Prohibited.

All forms of gambling, lotteries and fraudulent devices and practices are prohibited within the City of Owen, except as provided by state law. Any law enforcement officer of the City may seize anything devised solely for unlawful gambling or found in actual use for gambling within

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the City and dispose thereof after a judicial determination that such device was used solely for gambling or found in actual use for gambling.

Sec. 11-2-17 Obstructing Emergency or Rescue Personnel.

- (a) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply to the terms as used herein:
- (1) **Ambulance.** An emergency vehicle, including any motor vehicle, boat or aircraft, whether privately or publicly owned, which is designated, constructed or equipped to transport patients.
 - (2) **Ambulance Service Provided.** A person engaged in the business of transporting sick, disabled or injured persons by ambulance to or from facilities or institutions providing health services.
 - (3) **Ambulance Attendant.** A person who is responsible for the administration of emergency care procedures, proper handling and transporting of the sick, disabled or injured persons, including but not limited to, ambulance attendants and ambulance drivers.
 - (4) **Person.** Any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, trust, foundation, company, any governmental agency other than the U.S. government, or any group of individuals, however named, concerned with the operation of an ambulance.
 - (5) **Authorized Emergency Vehicle** means any of the following:
 - a. Police vehicles, whether publicly or privately owned;
 - b. Conservation wardens' vehicles or foresters' trucks, whether publicly or privately owned;
 - c. Vehicles of a fire department or fire patrol;
 - d. Privately owned motor vehicles being used by deputy state fire marshals or by personnel of a full-time or part-time fire department or by members of a volunteer fire department while en route to a fire or on an emergency call pursuant to orders of their chief or other commanding officer;
 - e. Such emergency vehicles of municipal or county departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the local authorities to be authorized emergency vehicles.
 - f. Such emergency vehicles of state departments as are designated or authorized by the heads of such departments to be authorized emergency vehicles;
 - g. Such ambulances, publicly owned, as are designated or authorized by local authorities to be authorized emergency vehicles;
 - h. Such ambulances which are privately owned and are operated by owners or their agents and which vehicles are authorized by the sheriff or others designated by the county board to be operated as emergency vehicles. The sheriff or others

designated by the county board may make such authorization which shall be in writing and which shall be effective throughout the state until rescinded. The sheriff or others designated by the county board may designate any owner of ambulances usually kept in the county to operate such vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles. Such written authorization shall at all times be carried on each ambulance used for emergency purposes. The sheriff shall keep a file of such authorizations in his/her office for public inspection, and all other persons permitted to issue authorizations shall file a copy of all authorizations issued with the sheriff who shall keep them on file;

- (6) **Emergency Medical Personnel.** Any emergency medical personnel, ambulance attendant, peace officer or fire fighter, or other person operating or staffing an ambulance or an authorized emergency vehicle.
 - (7) **Bonafide Emergency or Bonafide Request for Emergency Services.** Those circumstances wherein the caller reasonably believes that person(s) and or property may be in actual or potential danger of injury, and in the case of person(s), in danger of illness.
- (b) **Prohibitions.** It is the intent of the City of Owen, in its adoption of this provision, to protect against the foregoing activities in a manner consistent with that provided by Sec. 941.37, Wis. Stats. The following acts are prohibited and perpetration thereof subjects the violator to penalty as provided by Section 1-1-7:
- (1) Knowingly obstructing any emergency medical personnel in the performance of duties relating to an emergency or rescue;
 - (2) Intentionally interfering with any medical personnel in the performance of duties relating to an emergency or rescue, when it is reasonable that the interference may endanger another's safety;
 - (3) Knowingly making any telephone call to any emergency medical personnel, police agency or fire department for any purpose other than to report a bona fide emergency or to make a bona fide request for emergency services.

Sec. 11-2-18 Improper Use of Lodging Establishments.

- (a) **Definitions.** In this Section:
- (1) **Alcohol beverages** has the meaning given in Sec. 125.02(1), Wis. Stats.
 - (2) **Controlled substances** has the meaning given in Sec. 961.01(4), Wis. Stats.
 - (3) **Lodging establishment** has the meaning given in Sec. 101.22(1m)(n), Wis. Stats.
 - (4) **Underage person** has the meaning given in Sec. 125.02(20m), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Improper Activities.** Any person who procures lodging in a lodging establishment, and permits or fails to take action to prevent any of the following activities from occurring in the lodging establishment, is subject to the penalties provided in Section 1-1-7.

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- (c) **Denial of Lodging.** An owner or employee of a lodging establishment may deny lodging to an adult if the owner or employee reasonably believes that consumption of an alcohol beverage by an underage person, not accompanied by his or her parent, legal guardian or spouse, who has attained the legal drinking age, or illegal use of a controlled substance, may occur in the area of the lodging establishment procured.
- (d) **Deposits.** An owner or employee of a lodging establishment may require a cash deposit or use of a credit card at the time of application for lodging.

Sec. 11-2-19 Obstructions By Trains.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to stop and leave standing any railroad train, locomotive or railroad car upon or across any street crossing in the City of Owen longer than ten (10) minutes.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to operate or permit to be operated any railroad train, locomotive or railroad car upon or across any street crossing to the obstruction of any public travel thereon for a longer period of time than ten (10) minutes.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to stop any railroad train or car within an intersection or on a crosswalk for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or freight.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to obstruct any street crossing in the City of Owen for a continuous period of more than ten (10) minutes by the operation of more than one (1) train or locomotive through the same crossing.

Sec. 11-2-20 Sexual Offender Residency Restrictions.

- (a) **Findings, Recitals and Intent.**
 - (1) **Recitals.**
 - a. The Common Council of the City of Owen promulgates this ordinance enactment to protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and particularly its children.
 - b. Upon recent review of a published opinion and order in the case of *Hoffman, et al. v. Village of Pleasnat Prairie*, Case No. 16-CF-697-JES from the United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, it is the intent of the Common Council to amend the City's sexual offender residency ordinance in light of this recent court decision.
 - (2) **Findings and Intent.**
 - a. Repeat sexual offenders, sexual offenders who use physical violence, and sexual offenders who prey on children are sexual predators who present an extreme threat to the public health, welfare and safety. Sexual offenders are extremely likely to use physical violence and to repeat their offenses; and most sexual

offenders commit many offenses, have many more victims that are never reported, and are prosecuted for only a fraction of their crimes. This makes the cost of sexual offender victimization to society at large, while incalculable, clearly exorbitant.

- b. According to a 1997 report by the United States Department of Justice, sex offenders have high rates of recidivism which are much higher than recidivism rates for other types of violent crimes. Sex offenders are the least likely to be cured and the most likely to re-offend and prey on the most vulnerable members of the community.
- c. While Federal and State Fair Housing Statutes prohibit unlawful discrimination, they do not extend the same protections to a sex offender (as herein defined) with respect to a place of residency (as herein defined) where a Safety Zone (as herein defined) has been established.
- d. It is the intent of this Section to serve the City's compelling interest to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Owen by creating safety zones around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers wherein certain sexual offenders and sexual predators are prohibited from loitering or establishing temporary or permanent residence.
- e. This Section is a regulatory measure aimed at protecting the health and safety of children in the City of Owen from risk that convicted sex offenders may reoffend in locations near their residences. Given the high rate of recidivism for sex offenders and that reducing opportunity and temptation is important to minimizing the risk of reoffense, there is a need to protect children where they congregate or play in public places in addition to the protections afforded by state law near schools, day care facilities and other places children frequent.
- f. The City of Owen finds and declares that repeat sexual offenders who use physical violence and sexual offenders who prey on children are sexual offenders who present an extreme threat to the public safety and health of children. Sexual offenders are very likely to use physical violence and to repeat their offenses. Most sexual offenders commit numerous offenses, have many more victims than are ever reported, and are prosecuted for only a fraction of their crimes. This makes the cost of sexual offender victimization to society at large and the community where they reside, while incalculable, clearly exorbitant. Such persons present a significantly high risk of re-offending once released. As such, the City hereby establishes regulations which restrict certain offenders from residing or congregating in areas which are at or near where there is a high concentration of children in order to provide better protection for children in the City by minimizing immediate access and proximity to children and thereby reducing the opportunity and temptation for recidivism.

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- g. The Common Council of the City of Owen has also been advised of the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, in *Doe v. Miller*, 405 F.3d 700 (8th Cir. 2005), which provides in part at page 716 of that decision the following:

"The record does not support a conclusion that the Iowa General Assembly and the Governor acted based merely on negative attitudes toward, fear of, or a bare desire to harm a politically unpopular group. [Citations omitted.] Sex offenders have a high rate of recidivism, and the parties presented expert testimony that reducing opportunity and temptation is important to minimizing the risk of reoffense. Even experts in the field could not predict with confidence whether a particular sex offender will reoffend, whether an offender convicted of an offense against a teenager will be among those who "cross over" to offend against a younger child, or the degree to which regular proximity to a place where children are located enhances the risk of reoffense against children. One expert in the district court opined that it just "common sense" that limiting the frequency of contact between sex offenders and areas where children are located is likely to reduce the risk of an offense. [Citation omitted.] The policy makers of Iowa are entitled to employ such "common sense", and we are not persuaded that the means selected to pursue the State's legitimate interest are without a rational basis . . ."

- (3) **Intent.** It is the intent of this Section not to impose a criminal penalty or punish sex offenders, but rather to serve the City of Owen's compelling interest to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City by creating areas around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers, wherein certain sexual offenders and sexual predators are prohibited from establishing temporary or permanent residence. Due to the high rate of recidivism for sexual offenders, and because reducing both opportunity and temptation would help minimize the risk of re-offense, there is a compelling need to protect children where they congregate or play in public places.
- (b) **Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- (1) **Child/Children.** A person under the age of eighteen (18) for purposes of this Section.
 - (2) **Designated Offender (Sex Offender).** Any person who is required to register under Sec. 301.45, Wis. Stats., or any person who is required to register under Sec. 301.45, Wis. Stats., and who has been designated a Special Bulletin Notification (SBN) sex offender pursuant to Sec. 301.46(2) and (2m), Wis. Stats. Included in this definition

is a person who has been convicted of, or has been found delinquent of, or has been found not guilty by reason of disease or mental defect of a "sexually violent offense" and/or a "crime against children". This definition does not include a person who is released under Sec. 980.45, Wis. Stats., so long as the person is subject to supervised release under Ch. 980, Wis. Stats., the person is residing where he or she is ordered to reside under Sec. 980.08, Wis. Stats., and the individual is in compliance with all court orders issued under Ch. 980, Wis. Stats.

- (3) **Loitering.** Whether in a group, crowd, or as an individual, to stand idly about, loaf, prowl, congregate, wander, stand, linger aimlessly, proceed slowly or with many stops, to delay or dawdle.
- (4) **Minor.** A person under the age of eighteen (18).
- (5) **Residence, Permanent.** A place where the person abides, lodges, or resides for fourteen (14) or more consecutive days.
- (6) **Residence, Temporary.** A place where the person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of fourteen (14) or more days in the aggregate during any calendar year and which is not the person's permanent address or a place where the person routinely abides, lodges, or resides for a period of four (4) or more consecutive or non-consecutive days in any month and which is not the person's permanent address. A residence may be mobile or transitory.
- (7) **Safety Zones.** Any real property that supports or upon which there exists any facility used for children, including, but not limited to:
 - a. A public park, parkway, park facility, recreation area, beach, conservancy area or similar area or facility held open for use by the public for active or passive leisure purposes. Also included are any privately owned neighborhood parks and open spaces where children congregate such as those owned by a homeowners association of a subdivision.
 - b. A swimming pool or splash pad where children swim, wade or splash in a pool or other aquatic facility held open for use by the public or where no lifeguard is on duty and children are known to congregate.
 - c. A library which is open for use by the public where such library includes a collection of material specifically intended for use by children.
 - d. A public recreational trail or pat where children regularly walk, ride bicycles, or ride horses, and that is dedicated to the public for recreation purposes or intended for public use.
 - e. A playground which is any public outdoor area set aside for recreation and play and includes any area with playground equipment including, but not limited to, swings, slides, play structures, sandboxes, and seesaws.
 - f. A school property serving children. Included are any public school as defined by Sec. 115.01(1), Wis. Stats.; a private school as defined by Sec. 115.001(3); a charter school as defined by Sec. 115.001(1), Wis. Stats.; a speciality school,

including, but not limited to, a Montessori school, gymnastics academy, dance academy, or music school.

- g. Athletic fields and facilities used by children for organized and/or informal athletic activities. This includes public athletic fields and private athletic fields if open to the public.
 - h. A movie theater.
 - i. A licensed day care center that has been licensed under Sec. 48.65, Wis. Stats., to provide care and supervision of children, and includes before- and after-school daycare, which has the meaning as defined by Sec. 120.125(1), Wis. Stats.
 - j. A ski hill or sledding hill open to the public.
 - k. Any specialized school or place of instruction for children, including, but not limited to a gymnastics academy, dance academy, music school, or fitness club. Included are "private places" owned by a private entity or person and are open to the public to provide a service and where children regularly congregate, whether supervised or unsupervised.
 - l. A public or private golf course or range.
 - m. A place of worship, church, synagogue, mosque, temple or other house of religious worship ("church").
 - n. Any facility for children (which means a public or private school, a group home, as defined in Section 48.02(7), Wis. Stats.; a residential care center for children and youth, as defined in Section 48.02(15d), Wis. Stats.; a shelter care facility, as defined in Section 48.02(17), Wis. Stats.; a foster home, as defined in Section 48.02(6), Wis. Stats.; a treatment foster home, as defined in Section 48.02(17q), Wis. Stats.; a day care center licensed under Section 48.65, Wis. Stats.; a day care program established under Section 120.13(14), Wis. Stats.; a day care provider certified under Section 48.651, Wis. Stats.; or a youth center, as defined in Section 961.01(22), Wis. Stats.
- (8) **Sexually Violent Offense.** Shall have the meaning as set forth in Sec. 980.01(6), Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time.
- (9) **Crimes Against Children.** Shall mean any of the following offenses set forth within the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, or the laws of this or any other state or federal government, having like elements necessary for conviction, respectively:

940.225(1)	First Degree Sexual Assault
940.225(2)	Second Degree Sexual Assault
940.225(3)	Third Degree Sexual Assault
940.22(2)	Sexual Exploitation by Therapist
940.30	False Imprisonment - Victim Was Minor & Not The Offender's Child
940.31	Kidnapping – Victim Was Minor & Not the Offender's Child
944.02	Rape (prior statute, see now 940.225)
944.06	Incest

944.10	Sexual Intercourse With a Child (prior statute, see now 948.02)
944.11	Indecent Behavior With a Child (prior statute, see now 948.02)
944.12	Enticing Child for Immoral Purposes (prior statute, see now 948.07)
948.02(1)	First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child
948.02(2)	Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Child
948.025	Engaging in Repeated Acts of Sexual Assault of the Same Child
948.05	Sexual Exploitation of a Child
948.055	Causing a Child to View or Listen to Sexual Activity
948.06	Incest With A Child
948.07	Child Enticement
948.075	Use of a Computer to Facilitate a Child Sex Crime
948.08	Soliciting a Child For Prostitution
948.095	Sexual Assault of a Student by School Instructional Staff
948.11(2)(a) or (am)	Exposing a Child to Harmful Material (felony sections)
948.12	Possession of Child Pornography
948.13	Convicted Child Sex Offender Working With Children
948.30	Abduction of Another's Child
971.17	Not Guilty By Reason of Mental Disease or An Included Offense
975.06	Sex Crime Law Commitment

(c) **Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Residency; Prohibitions; Penalties; Exceptions.**

- (1) ***Prohibited Location of Residence.*** It is unlawful for any designated offender to establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within Five Hundred (500) feet of any Safety Zone property/use enumerated in Subsection (b)(7), or any other place designated by the City of Owen as a place where children are known to congregate.
- (2) ***Prohibited Activity.***
 - a. ***Loitering.*** It is unlawful for any designated offender to loiter within Five Hundred (500) feet of any Safety Zone property/use enumerated in Subsection (b)(7) or any other place designated by the City of Owen as a place where children are known to congregate.
 - b. ***Holiday Events/Parties.*** It is unlawful for any designated offender to participate in a holiday event involving children under eighteen (18) years of age, such as distributing candy or other items to children on Halloween, wearing a Santa Claus costume, or wearing an Easter Bunny costume or any costume resembling a character known to be popular among children. Holiday events in which the offender is the parent or guardian of the children involved, and no non-familial children are present, are exempt from this Subsection. "Participation" is to be defined as actively taking part in the event.
- (3) ***Measurement of Distance.***
 - a. For purposes of determining the minimum distance separation under this Section, the distance requirement shall be measured by following a straight line from the outer property line of the permanent residence or temporary residence to the

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nearest outside property line of a protected location designated by the City of Owen as a Safety Zone property/use per Subsection (b)(7) above where children are known to congregate.

- b. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall maintain an official map showing prohibited locations and Safety Zones as defined by this Section. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall update the map at least annually to reflect any changes in the location of prohibited zones. These shall be designated on the map as child safety zones. The map is to be displayed in the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.

(4) **Violations; Penalties.** A person who violates this Section shall be punished by forfeiture per Section 1-1-7. Each day a person maintains a residence in violation of this Section constitutes a separate violation. The City of Owen may also seek equitable relief.

(5) **Exceptions.** A designated offender residing within a prohibited area as described in Subsection (c)(1) does not commit a violation of this Section if any of the following applies:

- a. The person established the permanent residence or temporary residence and reported and registered the residence pursuant to Section 301.45, Wis. Stats., before the original effective date of this Section.
- b. The person is a minor or ward under guardianship and is not required to register under Sections 301.45 or 301.46, Wis. Stats.
- c. The protected location within Five Hundred (500) feet of the person's permanent residence was opened after the person established the permanent residence and reported and registered the residence pursuant to Sec. 301.45, Wis. Stats.
- d. The residence is also the primary residence of the person's parents, grandparents, spouse, domestic partner, or children provided that such party established the residence at least one (1) year before the designated offender established the residence at the location.
- e. In such cases involving a juvenile placed in accordance with this exception, when the juvenile turns eighteen (18) years of age, the juvenile would be allowed to continue to reside at the already established residence.
- f. The person is a designated offender that has been adjudicated a sexually violent person pursuant to Chapter 980, Wis. Stats., if the designated offender is subject to supervised release under Chapter 980, Wis. Stats., the designated offender is residing where he or she is ordered to reside under Sec. 980.08, Wis. Stats., and the offender is in compliance with all court orders issued under Ch. 980, Wis. Stats.

(d) **Property Owners Prohibited From Renting Real Property To Certain Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders; Penalties.**

- (1) **Prohibition.** It is unlawful to let or rent any place, structure, or part thereof, trailer, or other conveyance, with the knowledge that it will be used as a permanent residence

or temporary residence by any person prohibited from establishing such permanent residence or temporary residence pursuant to this Section, if such place, structure, or part thereof, trailer, or other conveyance is located within Five Hundred (500) feet of a protected location zone described in Subsection (c)(1). A person letting or renting a place or structure shall be deemed to have such knowledge if, at least ten (10) days prior to letting or renting the place or structure, the sex offender's name appears on the Wisconsin Department of Correction's sex offender registry and the person letting or renting the place knew the sex offender would be residing at the subject place or structure.

- (2) **Violations; Penalties.** A property owner's failure to comply with the provisions of this Subsection shall constitute a violation of this Section, and shall subject the property owner to the Code enforcement provisions in Subsection (c)(4) as provided in this Section. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(e) **Safety Zones.**

- (1) **Presence Regulated.** A sex offender shall not enter upon or be present upon a property within a Safety Zone under this Section.

- (2) **Safety Zone Exceptions.** A sex offender who enters upon or who is present upon or within a safety zone does not commit a violation of this Subsection if any of the following apply:

- a. The property also supports a church, synagogue, mosque, temple or other house of religious worship, subject to all of the following conditions:
 1. The sex offender's entrance and presence upon the property occurs only during hours of worship or other religious program/service as posted to the public; and
 2. The sex offender shall not participate in any religious education programs that include individuals under the age of eighteen (18).
- b. The property also supports a use lawfully attended by a sex offender's natural or adopted children, which a child's use reasonably requires the attendance of the sex offender as the child's parent upon the property, subject to the following condition:
 1. The sex offender's entrance and presence upon the property occurs only during hours of activity related to the use as posted to the public.
 2. Written advance notice is made from the person to an individual in charge of the use upon the property and approval from an individual in charge of the use upon the property as designated by the owner of the use upon the property is made in return, of the attendance by the sex offender.
- c. The property also supports a polling location in a local, state or federal election, subject to all of the following conditions:
 1. The sex offender is eligible to vote;
 2. The property is the designated polling place for the sex offender; and

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3. The sex offender enters the polling place property, proceeds to cast a ballot with whatever usual and customary assistance is to any member of the electorate, and vacates the property immediately after voting.
 - d. The property also supports a school lawfully attended by a sex offender as a student under which circumstances the sex offender may enter upon the property supporting the school at which the sex offender is enrolled, for such purposes and at such times as are reasonably required for the educational purposes of the school.
 - e. The property also supports a court, government office or room for public governmental meetings, subject to all of the following conditions:
 1. The sex offender is on the property only to transact business at the government office or place of business, other than a public library, or attend an official meeting of a governmental body; and
 2. The sex offender leaves the property immediately upon completion of the business or meeting.
- (3) **Violations; Penalties.** A person who violates this Subsection shall be punished by a forfeiture per Section 1-1-7. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (f) **Injunctions and Other Penalties for Violations.** Neither the issuance of a citation nor the imposition of forfeiture hereunder shall preclude the City of Owen from seeking or obtaining any or all other legal and equitable remedies to prevent or remove a violation of this Chapter. If an offender establishes a residence in violation of Subsections (c) or (d) above, or enters or is present upon or within a Safety Zone in violation of Subsection (e) above, the City Attorney may bring an action in the name of the City of Owen in circuit court to permanently enjoin any such violation as a public nuisance.
- (g) **Appeals.**
- (1) **Appeals Body.** A designated offender may seek an exemption, waiver or modification from this Section by appealing to the Plan Commission. The above requirements may be waived or modified upon approval of the City of Owen Plan Commission through appeal by the affected party. Such appeal request shall be made to the City Clerk-Treasurer, who shall forward the request to the Plan Commission.
 - (2) **Hearing Notice.** The Plan Commission shall hold a public hearing on the appeal. Notice in the form of an agenda shall be published/posted as required by state law and be provided to the members of the Plan Commission, the applicant, and the property owner if not the applicant. Such agenda notice shall be provided a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the hearing date.
 - (3) **Hearing; Considerations.** The Plan Commission shall hold a hearing on each appeal to conduct a risk assessment in each case, during which the Plan Commission may review any pertinent information and may accept oral or written statements from any person. The Plan Commission shall request and receive reports from law enforcement

authorities serving the City on such appeal. The Plan Commission shall consider the public interest as well as the applicant's presentation and concerns, giving the applicant a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The Plan Commission shall also consider any written, emailed or oral statements from any person at the hearing or received in advance of the hearing in the case of written or emailed comments. The Plan Commission shall consider the specific circumstances and facts of each applicant and determine whether the applicant poses a threat public safety if he or she resides at that proposed location. The Plan Commission shall consider factors which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Circumstances surrounding the offense.
 - b. Relationship of the offender and victim.
 - c. Presence or use of force with the offense.
 - d. Presence of enticement.
 - e. Need to protect the victim or similarly situation individuals.
 - f. Current dangerousness of the offender.
 - g. Proximity in time from the original offense.
 - h. Duration of incarceration and subsequent time out.
 - i. Current supervision status by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.
 - j. Counseling and treatment history.
 - k. Any criminal offense or regulatory violations committed since the original offense.
 - l. Credibility of the offender/applicant.
 - m. Remorse.
 - n. Proximity of proposed residence to a Safety Zone.
 - o. Support network of offender near proposed residence.
 - p. Alternative options for housing.
- (4) **Determination.** The Plan Commission shall decide by majority vote whether to grant or deny an exemption or modification. An exemption decision may be unconditional or be conditional to a specific address or period of time. After deliberation and determination, the Plan Commission shall forward its written decision to the applicant, City Clerk-Treasurer, and to the law enforcement authorities serving the City of Owen for their information and action. The decision of the Plan Commission may be appealed to the circuit court by any aggrieved party within thirty (30) days of the final receipt of the final decision. The review shall be a review by certiorari and the circuit court may affirm or reverse the final decision, or remand the decision to the decision maker for further proceedings consistent with the court's decision.

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Offenses Against Property

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Sec. 11-3-1 Destruction or Theft of Property Prohibited.

- (a) **Destruction of Property.** No person shall willfully injure or intentionally deface, destroy, or unlawfully remove or interfere with any property belonging to the City of Owen, the Owen-Withee School District, or to any private person without the consent of the owner or proper authority, nor shall any person or organization place or permit to be placed any sign, poster, advertisement, notice, or other writing upon any utility ornamental light pole belonging to the City without the consent of proper authority. Any signs, posters, advertisements, notices, or other writings so placed shall be removed by law enforcement authorities and the placing person or organization cited for violation of this Section.
- (b) **Parental Liability.** Pursuant to Sec. 895.035, Wis. Stats., the parents of an unemancipated minor shall be liable for the damage of property caused by the willful, malicious or wanton act of such child; such liability shall not exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).
- (c) **Theft of Property or Fuel.** No person shall intentionally take and carry away, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of movable property of another without that other person's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of such property. Included within the scope of theft of property is failing to pay for fuel that a person obtained from a fuel vendor.

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(d) **Penalty Provisions.**

- (1) Any person seventeen (17) years of age or over who violates this Section is subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-7, restitution to the injured party, and the costs of prosecution.
- (2) Any person fourteen (14) years of age through sixteen (16) years of age shall be subject to a forfeiture not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and any other applicable penalty provided by Sec. 938.344, Wis. Stats., as that Section may exist, be amended or changed.

- (e) **Victim Remedies.** Any person or entity injured by a violation of this Section by a minor child shall be advised of the rights and remedies available under Sec. 895.035, Wis. Stats.

Cross-Reference: Section 11-3-10.

Sec. 11-3-2 Littering Prohibited.

- (a) **Littering Prohibited.** No person shall throw any object, glass, refuse or waste, filth or other litter upon the streets, alleys, highways, public parks or other property of the City of Owen, upon property within the City owned by the School District or upon any private property not owned by them, or upon the surface of any body of water within the City.
- (b) **Litter From Conduct of Commercial Enterprise.**
- (1) **Scope.** The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to all sales, promotions and other commercial ventures that result in litter being deposited on any street, alley or other public way.
 - (2) **Litter to be cleaned up.** Any person, firm, corporation or association carrying on an enterprise that results in litter being deposited on any street, alley or other public way shall clean up the same within twelve (12) hours of the time the same is deposited. If any such litter is subject to being blown about, it shall be picked up immediately. If any such litter is likely to attract animals or vermin, such litter shall be picked up immediately.
 - (3) **Litter picked up at litterer's expense.** If any person, firm, corporation or association fails to pick up any litter as required by Subsection (b)(1) within the time specified, the City shall arrange to have the same picked up by City crews or by private enterprise. The entire expense of picking up such litter, together with an additional charge of twenty percent (20%) for administrative expenses, shall be charged to the person, firm, corporation or association that did the littering. If such sum is not promptly paid, steps shall be taken, with the advice of the City Attorney's office, to collect the same. This charge shall be in addition to any forfeiture or other penalty for violation of this Section.
- (c) **Depositing of Materials Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, cause or permit to be deposited, placed or parked any vegetation, grass, leaves, foliage, earth, sand, gravel, water, snow, ice, debris, waste material, foreign substance, construction

materials, equipment or object upon any street, sidewalk or public property without authorization of the Common Council or Director of Public Works to the provisions of this Code of Ordinances, or upon any private property without the consent of the owner or lessee of the property. Any person who deposits, causes or permits to be deposited, placed or parked any such materials, equipment or objects upon any street, sidewalk or property shall be responsible to properly mark or barricade the area so as to prevent a safety hazard.

- (d) **Improper Placement of Recyclables.** Persons shall only place recyclable objects or materials in proper recycling containers which are specifically designated for that type of material.
- (e) **Handbills.**
- (1) **Scattering Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful to deliver any handbills or advertising material to any premises in the City of Owen except by being handed to the recipient, placed on the porch, stoop or entrance way of the building or firmly affixed to a building so as to prevent any such articles from being blown about, becoming scattered or in any way causing litter.
 - (2) **Papers in Public Places Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful to leave any handbills, advertising material or newspapers unattended in any street, alley, public building or other public place, provided that this shall not prohibit the sale of newspapers in vending machines.

Sec. 11-3-3 Abandoned Refrigerators Prohibited.

No person shall leave or permit to remain outside of any dwelling, building or other structure, or within any unoccupied or abandoned building, dwelling or other structure under his/her control in a place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended or discarded ice box, refrigerator or other container which has an airtight door or lid, snap lock or other locking device which may not be released from the inside without first removing said door or lid, snap lock or other locking device from said ice box, refrigerator or container, unless such container is displayed for sale on the premises of the owner or his/her agent and is securely locked or fastened.

Sec. 11-3-4 Theft of Library Material.

- (a) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this Section, certain words and terms are defined as follows:
- (1) **Archives.** A place in which public or institutional records are systematically preserved.
 - (2) **Library.** Means any public library, library of an educational or historical organization or society or museum, and specifically the public library within the City of Owen and school libraries.

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- (3) **Library Material.** Includes any book, plate, picture photograph, engraving, painting, drawing, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, broadside, manuscript, document, letter, public record, microform, sound recording, audiovisual materials in any format, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data processing records, or other tapes, artifacts or other documents, written or printed materials, regardless of physical form of characteristics, belonging to, on loan to or otherwise in the custody of a library.

(b) **Possession Without Consent Prohibited.**

- (1) Whoever intentionally takes and carries away, transfers, conceals or retains possession of any library material without the consent of a library official, agent or employee and with intent to deprive the library of possession of the material may be subject to a forfeiture as provided by the general penalty provisions of this Code of Ordinances.
- (2) The failure to return library material after its proper return date, after written notice from the library shall be deemed to be theft. Notice shall be considered given when written notice is mailed to the last-known address of the person with the overdue material; the notice date shall be the date of mailing.
- (3) No person shall be charged with a violation of this Section unless such person is provided written notice signed by a library official, agent or employee setting forth the following:
- a. A reasonable description of the library materials;
 - b. The date that the library materials were due to be returned;
 - c. The final date by which either the library materials are to be returned or a written explanation made to the library that the library materials are incapable of being returned because they are lost or destroyed; and
 - d. The statement that:

"Your failure to comply with the demands of this notice will subject you to being prosecuted for a violation of Section 11-3-4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Owen, 'Theft of Library Material'; and upon conviction, a penalty of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00, together with the costs of prosecution."

Said notice shall be served by regular first class mail sent to the person's last known address or by personal service upon such person.

- (c) **Concealment.** The concealment of library material beyond the last station for borrowing library material in a library is evidence of intent to deprive the library of possession of the material. The discovery of library material which has not been borrowed in accordance with the library's procedures or taken with consent of a library official, agent or employee and which is concealed upon the person or among the belongings of another is evidence of intentional concealment on the part of the person so concealing the material.

- (d) **Detention Based on Probable Cause.** An official or adult employee or agent of a library who has probable cause for believing that a person has violated this Section in his or her presence may detain the person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time to deliver the person to a law enforcement officer or to the person's parent or guardian in the case of a minor. The detained person shall be promptly informed of the purpose of the detention and be permitted to make telephone calls, but shall not be interrogated or searched against his or her will before the arrival of a law enforcement officer who may conduct a lawful interrogation of the accused person. Compliance with this Section entitles the official, agent or employee effecting the detention to the same defense in any action as is available to a law enforcement officer making an arrest in the line of duty.
- (e) **Damaging Material Prohibited.** No person shall mar, deface or in any other way damage or mutilate any book, periodical, pamphlet, picture or other article or property belonging to or in charge of the library. Any person convicted of violating this Subsection shall be subject to the penalties as set forth in Section 1-1-7.
- (f) **Return Demanded.** No person shall fail, on demand, to return any book periodical, pamphlet, picture or other articles or property belonging to or in charge of the Public Library according to the rules or regulations duly made and adopted by the Library Board and no person shall remove from the library any book, periodical, pamphlet, picture or other articles or property without first having it charged as provided by such rules and regulations. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this Subsection shall be subject to the penalties as set forth in Section 1-1-7.

State Law Reference: Sec. 943.61, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-3-5 Damage to Public Property.

- (a) **Damaging Public Property.** No person shall climb any tree or pluck any flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove, or in any manner injure or deface, write upon, defile or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, fountain, ornament, statue, building, fence, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign, bridge, structure or other property within any park or parkway, or in any way injure, damage or deface any public building, sidewalk or other public property in the City of Owen.
- (b) **Breaking of Street Lamps or Windows.** No person shall break glass in any street lamps or windows of any building owned or occupied by the City of Owen.
- (c) **Damaging Fire Hydrants and Water Mains.** No person shall, without the authority of City authorities, operate any valve connected with the street or water supply mains, or open any fire hydrant connected with the water distribution system, except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire. No person shall injure or impair the use of any water main or fire hydrant.

Sec. 11-3-6 Retail Theft.

- (a) Whoever intentionally alters indicia of price or value of merchandise or takes and carries away, transfers, conceals or retains possession of merchandise held for resale by a merchant without consent and with intent to deprive the merchant permanently of possession or the full purchase price may be penalized as provided in Subsection (d).
- (b) The intentional concealment of unpurchased merchandise in a merchant's store is evidence of intent to deprive the merchant permanently of possession of such merchandise without paying the purchase price thereof. The discovery of unpurchased merchandise concealed upon the person or among the belongings of another is evidence of intentional concealment on the part of the person so concealing such goods.
- (c) A merchant or merchant's adult employee who has probable cause for believing that a person has violated this Section in his/her presence may detain such person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time to deliver him/her to a law enforcement officer, or to his/her parent or guardian if a minor. The detained person must be promptly informed of the purpose for the detention and may make phone calls, but he/she shall not be interrogated or searched against his/her will before the arrival of a law enforcement officer who may conduct a lawful interrogation of the accused person. Compliance with this Subsection entitles the merchant or his/her employee affecting the detention to the same defense in any action as is available to a law enforcement officer making an arrest in the line of duty.
- (d) If the value of the merchandise does not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), any person violating this Section shall forfeit not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If the value of the merchandise exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), this Section shall not apply and the matter shall be referred to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

State Law Reference: Sec. 943.50, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-3-7 Issuance of Worthless Checks.

- (a) **Violations.** Whoever issues any check or other order for the payment of money less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which, at the time of issuance, he or she intends shall not be paid is guilty of a violation of this Section.
- (b) **Prima Facie Evidence.** Any of the following is prima facie evidence that the person at the time he or she issued the check or other order for payment of money intended it should not be paid:
 - (1) Proof that, at the time of issuance, the person did not have an account with the drawee; or
 - (2) Proof that, at the time of issuance, the person did not have sufficient funds or credit with the drawee and that the person failed within five (5) days after receiving notice of non-payment or dishonor to pay the check or other order; or

- (3) Proof that, when presentment was made within a reasonable time, the person did not have sufficient funds or credit with the drawee and the person failed within five (5) days after receiving notice of non-payment or dishonor to pay the check or other order.
- (c) **Exceptions.** This Section does not apply to a post-dated check or to a check given in past consideration, except a payroll check.
- (d) **Returned Check Fee.** In the event a person issues a check to the City, and does not have sufficient funds or credit such that the check is returned unpaid, such person shall pay the check or other order and shall also pay a fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1, representing the cost of additional administrative expense which results from non-payment of the original obligation.
- (e) **Penalties.**
- (1) In addition to any other penalties provided for under Section 1-1-7, a court may order a violator of this Section to pay restitution to a victim. In determining the method of payment the Court shall consider the financial resources and future ability of the violator to pay. The court shall provide for payment of an amount equal to the pecuniary loss caused by the offense. Upon the application of an interested party, the Court shall schedule and hold an evidentiary hearing to determine the value of the victim's pecuniary loss resulting from the offense. A victim may not be compensated under this Section and under Sec. 943.245, Wis. Stats.
- (2) In this Section, "pecuniary loss" means:
- All special damages, but not general damages, substantiated by evidence in the record, which a person could recover against the violator in a civil action arising out of the facts or events constituting the violator's criminal activities, including, without limitation because of enumeration, the money equivalent of loss resulting from property taken, destroyed, broken or otherwise harmed and out-of-pocket losses, such as medical expenses; and
 - Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the victim resulting from the filing of charges or cooperating in the investigation and prosecution of the offense.

Sec. 11-3-8 Trespass to a Dwelling or Land.

- (a) **Trespass to Land.** No person shall enter or remain on any land after having been notified by the owner or occupant not to remain on the premises.
- (b) **Trespass to Dwelling.** No person shall intentionally enter the dwelling of another without the consent of some person lawfully upon the premises, under circumstances tending to create or provoke a breach of the peace.

State Law Reference: Secs. 943.13 and 943.14, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-3-9 Regulation of Smoking and Vaping.

- (a) **Finding of Facts; Statement of Purpose; Definitions.**
- (1) The findings of fact and statement of purpose set forth in Section 11-5-9(a) are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Section as if fully set forth herein.
 - (2) The definitions set forth in Section 11-5-9(b) are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Section as if fully set forth herein.
- (b) **Statutory Requirements Adopted.** The provisions of Sec. 101.123, Wis. Stats., relating to the Regulation of Smoking and Clean Indoor Air, except the provisions therein relating to penalties to be imposed, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Section as if fully set forth herein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by any statute incorporated herein by reference is required or prohibited by this Section. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein are intended to be made a part of this Section.
- (c) **Smoking Prohibited Within or Upon All Buildings and Equipment Owned, Leased or Rented by the City.** In recognition of the need to protect the health and safety of the public and City employees from the detrimental effects of smoking, pursuant to the authority granted to the City of Owen by Sec. 101.123(2)(c), Wis. Stats., smoking as defined by Sec. 101.123(1)(h), Wis. Stats., is prohibited by any person within or upon all buildings and enclosed equipment owned, leased or rented by the City of Owen, except in designated areas.
- (d) **Vaping Prohibited Within or Upon All Buildings and Equipment Owned, Leased or Rented by the City.** In recognition of the need to protect the health and safety of the public and City employees from the detrimental effects of vaping and to maintain consistency with no-smoking regulations, the use of a vapor device is prohibited by any person within or upon all buildings and enclosed equipment owned, leased or rented by the City of Owen, except in designated areas. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person to use a vapor device or product on any school grounds or building.
- (e) **State Statutes Adopted.** The provisions of Sec. 120.12(20), Wis. Stats., regulating smoking on school premises are adopted by reference and made part of this Section as though set forth in full.

Cross-Reference: Section 11-5-9

Sec. 11-3-10 Theft Prohibited.

- (a) **Acts.** Whoever does any of the following may be penalized as provided in Section 1-1-7 of this Code of Ordinances:

- (1) Intentionally takes and carries away, uses, transfers, conceals or retains possession of movable property of another without his/her consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of such property.
 - (2) By virtue of his/her office, business or employment, or as trustee or bailee, having possession or custody of money or of a negotiable security, instrument, paper or other negotiable writing of another, intentionally uses, transfers, conceals or retains possession of such money, security, instrument, paper or writing without the owner's consent, contrary to his/her authority, and with intent to convert to his/her own use or to the use of any other person except the owner. A refusal to deliver any money or a negotiable security, instrument, paper or other negotiable writing, which is in his/her possession or custody by virtue of his/her office, business or employment, or as trustee or bailee, upon demand of the person entitled to receive it, or as required by law, is prima facie evidence of an intent to convert to his/her own use within the meaning of this Subsection.
 - (3) Having a legal interest in movable property, intentionally and without consent, take such property out of the possession of the pledgee or such other person having a superior right of possession with intent thereby to deprive the pledgee or other person permanently of the possession of such property.
 - (4) Obtains title to property of another by intentionally deceiving him/her with a false representation which is known to be false, made with intent to defraud, and which does defraud the person to whom it is made. "False representation" includes a promise made with intent not to perform it if it is a part of a false and fraudulent scheme.
 - (5) Intentionally fails to return any personal property which is in his/her possession or under his/her control by virtue of a written lease or written rental agreement, within ten (10) days after the lease or rental agreement has expired.
- (b) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) "Property" means all forms of tangible property, whether real or personal, without limitation including electricity, gas and documents which represent or embody a choice in action or other intangible rights.
 - (2) "Movable Property" is property whose physical location can be changed, without limitation, including electricity and gas, documents which represent or embody intangible rights, and things growing on or affixed to or found in land.
 - (3) "Value" means the market value at the time of the theft or the cost to the victim of replacing the property within the reasonable time after the theft, whichever is less, if the property stolen is a document evidencing a choice in action or other intangible right; value means either the market value of the choice in action or other right or the intrinsic value of the document, whichever is greater. If the thief gave consideration for or had a legal interest in the stolen property, the amount of such consideration or value of such interest shall be deducted from the total value of the property.

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- (4) "Property of Another" includes property in which the actor is a co-owner and property of a partnership of which the actor is a member unless the actor and the victim are husband and wife.

Cross-Reference: Section 11-3-1.

Sec. 11-3-11 Fraud on Residential Landlords Prohibited.

- (a) **Prohibited Acts.** Any person who, with intent to defraud, does any of the following shall be guilty of violating this Section:
 - (1) Intentionally absconds without paying rent that has been contractually agreed upon in an oral or written lease with a landlord. Prima facie evidence of intentionally absconding will be established if a tenant fails to pay rent due prior to the vacating of the rental premise by the tenant, and the non-payment of said rent continues for a period of five (5) days after vacation of the premise; or
 - (2) Issues any check, money order or any other form of bank or monetary draft as a payment of rent, where such document lacks sufficient funds, where the account is closed, or where such draft is unredeemable in any other form or fashion. Prima facie evidence of intention to defraud will be established if a tenant fails, within five (5) days of a written demand by the landlord or agent, to pay in full the total amount of the draft presented as rent payment plus any bank charges to the landlord attributable to the unredeemability of the draft.
- (b) **Applicability.** This Section shall apply to rental agreements between residential landlords and tenants only. The words and terms used in this Section shall be defined and construed in conformity with the provisions of Chapter AG 134, Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter 704, Wis. Stats., and Sec. 990.001(1), Wis. Stats. The act of service by a landlord of a legal eviction notice or notice to terminate tenancy shall not, in itself, act as a bar to prosecution under this Section.
- (c) **Procedure.** An officer may issue a citation only when the complainant provides the following:
 - (1) The name and current address of the tenant, a copy of the subject lease agreement, or sworn testimony of the terms of the subject oral lease.
 - (2) The amount of rent due, the date it was due, the date the tenant actually vacated the premise, and testimony that the rent remained unpaid for not less than five (5) days after vacating and that the tenant did not notify or attempt to notify the complainant of the tenant's new address, or that the tenant knowingly gave the complainant a false address.
 - (3) As to an unredeemable payment, the document used for attempting rent payment, the written demand for payment of the full amount plus bank charges, proof that the

tenant received the written demand, and testimony that at least five (5) days have elapsed since the demand was received and no payment has been made.

State Law Reference: Chapter 704 and Sec. 990.001(1), Wis. Stats.; Ch. AG 134, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sec. 11-3-12 Graffiti.

- (a) **Definition.** "Graffiti" is any drawing, figure, inscription, symbol, or other marking which is scratched, painted, drawn in pen or marker, or placed by some other permanent or semi-permanent means upon sidewalks, streets, public or private structures or any other place in public view without the express permission or consent of the property owner.
- (b) **Public Nuisance.** Graffiti is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, as defined under Title 11, Chapter 6 of this Code, affecting peace and safety. Graffiti is deemed to be a public nuisance not only because it offends the aesthetic sensibilities of the community but because it may indicate the presence of gang activity or encourage gang activity and rivalry. It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee or occupant to promptly remove or obliterate graffiti on any building, fence, structure, parking lot or walkway over which the owner, occupant or lessee has control.
- (c) **Prohibitions.** No person shall write, spray, scratch or otherwise affix graffiti upon any property whether private or public without the consent of the owner or owners of said property. Any person who shall affix graffiti to any property without the consent of the owner shall be liable for the costs of removing or covering such graffiti in addition to any fines imposed for violating this Section. The parents of any unemancipated minor child who affixed graffiti shall be held liable for the cost of removing or covering said graffiti in accordance with Sec. 895.035, Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Removal By Property Owner.**
 - (1) Every owner of a structure or property defaced by graffiti shall cover or remove the graffiti within fifteen (15) days in compliance with written notice by certified letter from the City to remove or cover such graffiti.
 - (2) In the event any owner fails to comply with the above-mentioned notice, the City may have the graffiti covered or removed, and in such event, all costs, fees and expenses will be assessed to said owners real estate taxes pursuant to Sec. 66.0627, Wis. Stats.

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Offenses Involving Alcoholic Beverages

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Sec. 11-4-1 Outside Consumption.

(a) **Alcoholic Beverages in Public Areas.**

- (1) **Regulations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, serve or give away, or offer to sell, serve or give away, any alcoholic beverage upon any public street, sidewalk, alley, public parking lot, highway, municipal building, library, cemetery or drives or other public area within the City of Owen or on private property without the owner's consent, except at licensed premises. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or have in his/her possession any open container containing alcohol beverage upon any public street, public sidewalk, public way or drive, cemetery, municipal building, library, public alley, public parking lot within the City of Owen, or on private property without the owner's consent, except for licensed premises.
- (2) **Private Property Held Out For Public Use.** It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcohol beverages upon any private property held open for public use within the City unless the property is specifically named as being part of a licensed premises.
- (3) **Exceptions.**
 - a. The provisions of this Section may be waived by the Common Council for duly authorized events.
 - b. Any organization which has been issued a Temporary Fermented Malt Beverage and/or Temporary Wine License for a designated area and event pursuant to this

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Code of Ordinances, provided that the provisions of this Chapter and Title 7, Chapter 2, are fully complied with.

- c. The provisions of this Section regarding open consumption of fermented malt beverages or intoxicating liquor shall not apply within two hundred (200) feet of a parade route which the City of Owen has authorized from one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start of said parade until one (1) hour after the end of said parade; except that the foregoing exemption does not extend to any vehicle or unit of the parade, however propelled, nor to any parade participant for that period of time during which the vehicle, unit of the parade or person is participating within the assembly and disembarkment points of the parade.
- (b) **Definitions.**
- (1) As used in this Section, the term "alcoholic beverage" shall include all ardent, spirituous, distilled or vinous liquors, liquids or compounds, whether medicated, proprietary, patented, or not, and by whatever name called, as well as all liquors and liquids made by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley malt and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated or degerminated grains or sugar, which contain one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) or more of alcohol by volume and which are fit for use for beverage purposes.
 - (2) As used in this Section, the term "public area" shall be construed to mean any location within the City which is open to access to persons not requiring specific permission of the owner to be at such location including all parking lots serving commercial establishments.
 - (3) As used in this Chapter "underage person" shall mean any person under the legal drinking age as defined by the Wisconsin Statutes.

Cross Reference: Section 7-2-16.

Sec. 11-4-2 Sale to Underage or Intoxicated Persons Restricted.

- (a) **Sales of Alcohol Beverages to Underage Persons.**
- (1) No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away any fermented malt beverages to any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age.
 - (2) No licensee or permittee may sell, vend, deal or traffic in alcohol beverages to or with any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age.
 - (3) No adult may knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on premises owned by the adult or under the adult's control. This Subsection does not apply to alcohol beverages used exclusively as part of a religious service.

- (4) No adult may intentionally encourage or contribute to a violation of Subsection (a)(1) or (b).
- (b) **Penalties.** For purposes of determining previous violations, the thirty (30) month period shall be measured from the dates of violations that resulted in an imposition of a forfeiture or a conviction. For the purpose of determining whether or not a previous violation has occurred, if more than one (1) violation occurs at the same time, all those violations shall be counted as one (1) violation. A person who commits a violation of Subsection (a) above may be:
- (1) Required to forfeit not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) if the person has not committed a previous violation within thirty (30) months of the violation; or
 - (2) Fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) if the person has committed a previous violation within thirty (30) months of the violation.
 - (3) Fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) if the person has committed two (2) previous violations within thirty (30) months of the violation.
 - (4) Fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) if the person has committed three (3) or more previous violations within thirty (30) months of the violation.
 - (5) In addition to the forfeitures provided in Subsections (b)(1)-(4) above, a court shall suspend any license issued under this Chapter to a person violating this Subsection for:
 - a. Not more than three (3) days, if the court finds that the person committed a violation within twelve (12) months after committing one (1) previous violation;
 - b. Not less than three (3) days nor more than ten (10) days, if the court finds that the person committed a violation within twelve (12) months after committing two (2) other violations; or
 - c. Not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days, if the court finds that the person committed the violation within twelve (12) months after committing three (3) other violations.
- (c) **Exception.** A person who holds a Class "A" license, a Class "B" license or permit, a "Class A" license or a "Class B" license or permit who commits a violation is subject to Subsection (b)(5) but is not subject to Subsection (b)(1)-(4) or Sec. 125.11, Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Sale of Alcohol Beverages to Intoxicated Persons.**
- (1) **Restrictions.**
 - a. No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away alcohol beverages to a person who is intoxicated.
 - b. No licensee or permittee may sell, vend, deal or traffic in alcohol beverages to or with a person who is intoxicated.
- (e) **Penalties.** Any person who violates Subsection (d)(1) above shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

State Law Reference: Section 125.07, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-4-3 Underage Persons' Presence in Places of Sale; Penalty.

- (a) **Restrictions.** An underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age may not enter, knowingly attempt to enter, or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued for any purpose except the transaction of business pertaining to the licensed premises with or for the licensee or his or her employee. The business may not be amusement or the purchase, receiving or consumption of edibles or beverages or similar activities which normally constitute activities of a customer of the premises. This Subsection does not apply to:
- (1) An underage person who is a resident, employee, lodger or boarder on the premises controlled by the proprietor, licensee or permittee of which the licensed premises consists or is a part.
 - (2) An underage person who enters or is on a "Class A" or Class "A" premises for the purpose of purchasing other than alcohol beverages. An underage person so entering the premises may not remain on the premises after the purchase.
 - (3) Hotels, drug stores, grocery stores, bowling alleys, indoor golf simulator facilities, service stations, vessels, cars operated by any railroad, regularly established athletic fields, outdoor volleyball courts that are contiguous to a licensed premises, stadiums or public facilities as defined in Sec. 125.51(5)(b)1.d, Wis. Stats., which are owned by a county or municipality, or centers for the visual. or performing arts.
 - (4) Premises in the state fair park, concessions authorized on state-owned premises in the state parks and state forests as defined or designated in Chapters 27 and 28, Wis. Stats., and parks owned or operated by agricultural societies.
 - (5) Ski chalets, golf courses and golf clubhouses, racetracks licensed under Chapter 562, Wis. Stats., curling clubs, private soccer clubs and private tennis clubs.
 - (6) Premises operated under both a "Class B" or Class "B" license or permit and a restaurant permit where the principal business conducted is that of a restaurant. If the premises are operated under both a "Class B" or Class "B" license or permit and a restaurant permit, the principal business conducted is presumed to be the sale of alcohol beverages, but the presumption may be rebutted by competent evidence.
 - (7) Premises operating under both a "Class C" license and a restaurant permit.
 - (8) An underage person who enters or remains in a room on Class "B" or "Class B" licensed premises separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold or served, if no alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the room where the underage person is present and the presence of underage persons is authorized under this Subsection, except as provided in Subsection (b) below.
 - (9) A person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who is working under a contract with the licensee, permittee or corporate agent to provide entertainment for customers on the premises.

- (10) An underage person who enters or remains on Class "B" or "Class B" licensed premises on a date specified by the licensee or permittee during times when no alcohol beverages are consumed, sold or given away. During those times, the licensee, the agent named in the license if the licensee is a corporation or limited liability company or a person who has an operator's license shall be on the premises unless all alcohol beverages are stored in a locked portion of the premises. The licensee shall notify the Police Department, in advance, of the times underage persons will be allowed on the premises under this Subsection.
 - (11) An underage person who enters or remains in a dance hall attached to Class "B" or "Class B" licensed premises if the dance hall is separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold, if there is a separate entrance to the dance hall and if no alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the dance hall where the underage person is present.
 - (12) An underage person who enters and remains on premises for which a temporary Class "B" license is issued under Sec. 125.26, Wis. Stats., if the licensee is authorized by the official or body of the City that issued the license to permit underage persons to be on the premises under Sec. 125.26(6), Wis. Stats., and if the licensee permits underage persons to be on the premises.
- (b) **Exception Permitting Presence of Underage Persons on Licensed Premises.**
- (1) Underage persons who are not accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age may enter and remain in a room on a Class "B" or "Class B" licensed premise which is separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold or served if:
 - a. No alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the room where the underage person is present; and
 - b. The Class "B" or "Class B" licensee obtains a written authorization from the Common Council permitting underage persons to be present on a specified date set forth in the authorization. Prior to the issuance of any authorization, the Common Council shall make a determination that the presence of underage persons on the licensed premises will not endanger their health, welfare or safety or that of other members of the community. Licensees shall obtain a separate authorization for each date on which underage persons will be present on the premises.
 - c. Prior to issuance of any authorization, the Common Council may seek the recommendations of law enforcement authorities.
 - (2) The presence of underage persons on a licensed premise authorized by Subsection (b)(1) above, shall be subject to the following restrictions and requirements:
 - a. Each application shall be received a minimum of five (5) business days prior to the date requested.
 - b. During the period of time when underage persons are permitted on the premise, persons entering the premise, or that authorized portion of the licensed premise,

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shall be restricted to those individuals at least eighteen (18) years of age. This restriction shall not apply to parents, guardians, employees of the establishment, law enforcement officers, City officials or anyone else for a legitimate business purpose authorized by the licensee to enter said premises.

- c. No person shall be admitted to a licensed premise during the period of authorization if it is determined that that person has been drinking alcohol beverages or been using any other drugs not prescribed and taken in accordance with instructions from a licensed physician.
 - d. People attending events authorized under Subsection (b)(1) above must be provided with restroom facilities separate from those being used by individuals present on other portions of the licensed premise where alcohol beverages are being served, sold or consumed.
 - e. There shall be at least one (1) chaperone of each sex present during authorized time periods. Chaperones shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Service personnel employed by the licensed premises shall not qualify as chaperones.
 - f. A licensee shall not allow any underage person to loiter outside the licensed premise including public sidewalks or parking lots adjacent thereto.
 - g. The exterior of the premises shall be lighted so as to provide for the safety of patrons.
 - h. All requirements of Sec. 7-2-18 shall be fully complied with.
- (3) The Common Council may refuse to authorize underage presence on licensed premises under Subsection (b)(1) if the following has occurred:
- a. The applicant has violated any provision(s) of this Section.
 - b. The applicant has failed to comply with applicable requirements/conditions with a prior application.
 - c. The laws of the State of Wisconsin or City ordinances were violated during a previously authorized date of operation.
 - d. Events have taken place on a prior authorized date or dates which make law enforcement authorities unable to certify that the presence of underage persons on the licensed premise will not endanger the health, safety or welfare of other members of the community.
- (c) **Penalties.** A licensee or permittee who directly or indirectly permits an underage person to enter or be on a licensed premises in violation of Subsection (a) above is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Sec. 11-4-4 Underage Persons; Prohibitions; Penalties.

- (a) **Prohibitions.** Any underage person who does any of the following is guilty of a violation:
 - (1) Procures or attempts to procure alcohol beverages from a licensee or permittee.
 - (2) Unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age, possesses or consumes alcohol beverages on licensed premises.

- (3) Enters, knowingly attempts to enter or is on licensed premises in violation of Section 11-4-3(a).
- (4) Falsely represents his or her age for the purpose of receiving alcohol beverages from a licensee or permittee.
- (b) **Adult to Accompany.** Except as provided in Subsection (c) below, any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age who knowingly possesses or consumes fermented malt beverage is guilty of a violation.
- (c) **Exceptions.** An underage person may possess alcohol beverages in the course of employment during his or her working hours if employed by any of the following:
 - (1) A brewer.
 - (2) A fermented malt beverages wholesaler.
 - (3) A permittee other than a Class "B" or "Class B" permittee.
 - (4) A facility for the production of alcohol fuel.
 - (5) A retail licensee or permittee under the conditions specified in Sec. 125.32(2) or 125.68(2), Wis. Stats., or for delivery of unopened containers to the home or vehicle of a customer.
 - (6) A campus, if the underage person is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is under the immediate supervision of a person who has attained the legal drinking age.
- (d) **Penalties for Subsection (a) Violations.** Any person violating Subsection (a) is subject to the following penalties:
 - (1) For a first (1st) violation, a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)1, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work under Subsection (g) or any combination of these penalties.
 - (2) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of a previous violation, either a forfeiture of not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)(1), Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work under Subsection (g) or any combination of these penalties.
 - (3) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of two (2) previous violations, either a forfeiture of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), revocation of the person's operating privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work under Subsection (g) or any combination of these penalties.
 - (4) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of three (3) or more previous violations, either a forfeiture of not less than Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), revocation of the person's operating

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privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work or any combination of these penalties.

(e) **Penalties for Subsection (b) Violations.** Any person violating Subsection (b) above is subject to the following penalties:

- (1) For a first (1st) violation, a forfeiture of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)1, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work under Subsection (g), or any combination of these penalties.
- (2) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of a previous violation, either a forfeiture of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)2, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work under Subsection (g), or any combination of these penalties.
- (3) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of two (2) previous violations, either a forfeiture of not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), revocation of the person's operating privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work under Subsection (g), or any combination of these penalties.
- (4) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of three (3) or more previous violations, either a forfeiture of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), revocation of the person's operating privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or other community service work under Subsection (g), or any combination of these penalties.

(f) **Multiple Violations From an Incident.** For purposes of Subsections (a) or (b) above, all violations arising out of the same incident or occurrence shall be counted as a single violation.

(g) **Work Programs.**

- (1) A supervised work program ordered under Subsections (d) or (e) above shall be administered by the county department under Sec. 46.215 or 46.22, Wis. Stats., or by a community agency approved by the court. The court shall set standards for the supervised work program within the budgetary limits established by the county board of supervisors. The supervised work program may provide the person with reasonable compensation reflecting the market value of the work performed or it may consist of uncompensated community service work. Community service work ordered under Subsection (d) or (e), other than community service work performed under a supervised work program, shall be administered by a public agency or nonprofit charitable organization approved by the court. The court may use any available

- resources, including any community service work program, in ordering the child to perform community service work under Subsection (d) or (e).
- (2) The supervised work program or other community service work shall be of a constructive nature designed to promote the person's rehabilitation, shall be appropriate to the person's age level and physical ability and shall be combined with counseling from a member of the staff of the county department, community agency, public agency or nonprofit charitable organization or other qualified person. The supervised work program or other community service work may not conflict with the person's regular attendance at school. The amount of work required shall be reasonably related to the seriousness of the person's offense.
- (h) **Disclosure of License Revocation Information.** When a court revokes or suspends a person's operating privilege under Subsections (d) or (e), the Wisconsin Department of Transportation may not disclose information concerning or relating to the revocation or suspension to any person other than a court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village or town attorney, law enforcement agency or the person whose operating privilege is revoked or suspended. A person entitled to receive information under this Subsection may not disclose the information to any other person or agency.
- (i) **Applicability of Statutory Proceedings.** A person who is under eighteen (18) years of age on the date of disposition is subject to Sec. 938.344, Wis. Stats., unless proceedings have been instituted against the person in a court of civil or criminal justice after dismissal of the citation under Sec. 938.344(3), Wis. Stats.
- (j) **Alcohol Abuse Programs.**
- (1) In this Subsection, "defendant" means a person found guilty of violating Subsections (a) or (b) who is eighteen (18), nineteen (19), or twenty (20) years of age.
- (2) After ordering a penalty under Subsections (d) or (e), the court, with the agreement of the defendant, may enter an additional order staying the execution of the penalty order and suspending or modifying the penalty imposed. The order under this Subsection shall require the defendant to do any of the following:
- a. Submit to an alcohol abuse assessment that conforms to the criteria specified under Sec. 938.547(4), Wis. Stats., and that is conducted by an approved treatment facility. The order shall designate an approved treatment facility to conduct the alcohol abuse assessment and shall specify the date by which the assessment must be completed.
- b. Participate in an outpatient alcohol abuse treatment program at an approved treatment facility, if an alcohol abuse assessment conducted under Subsection (j)(2)a recommends treatment.
- c. Participate in a court-approved alcohol abuse education program.
- (3) If the approved treatment facility, with the written informed consent of the defendant, notifies the agency primarily responsible for providing services to the defendant that the defendant has submitted to an assessment under Subsection (j)(2)a and that the

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- defendant does not need treatment or education, the court shall notify the defendant of whether or not the penalty will be reinstated.
- (4) If the defendant completes the alcohol abuse treatment program or court-approved alcohol abuse education program, the approved treatment facility or court-approved alcohol abuse education program shall, with the written informed consent of the defendant, notify the agency primarily responsible for providing services to the defendant that the defendant has complied with the order and the court shall notify the defendant of whether or not the penalty will be reinstated. If the court had ordered the suspension of the defendant's operating privilege under Subsection (d) or (e), the court may order the secretary of transportation to reinstate the operating privilege of the defendant if he or she completes the alcohol abuse treatment program or court-approved alcohol abuse education program.
 - (5) If an approved treatment facility or court-approved alcohol abuse education program, with the written informed consent of the defendant, notifies the agency primarily responsible for providing services to the defendant that the defendant is not participating in the program or that the defendant has not satisfactorily completed a recommended alcohol abuse treatment program or an education program, the court shall hold a hearing to determine whether the penalties under Subsection (d) or (e) should be imposed.

Sec. 11-4-5 Defense of Sellers.

- (a) **Defenses.** In determining whether or not a licensee or permittee has violated Sections 11-4-2(a) or 11-4-3(a), all relevant circumstances surrounding the presence of the underage person or the procuring, selling, dispensing or giving away of alcohol beverages may be considered, including any circumstances listed below. In addition, proof of all of the following facts by a seller of alcohol beverages to an underage person is a defense to any prosecution for a violation of this Section:
 - (1) That the purchaser falsely represented that he or she had attained the legal drinking age.
 - (2) That the appearance of the purchaser was such that an ordinary and prudent person would believe that the purchaser had attained the legal drinking age.
 - (3) That the sale was made in good faith and in reliance on the written representation and appearance of the purchaser in the belief that the purchaser had attained the legal drinking age.
 - (4) That the underage person supported the representation under Subsection (a)(1) above with documentation that he/she had attained the legal drinking age.
- (b) **Book Kept by Licensees and Permittees.**
 - (1) Every retail alcohol beverage licensee or permittee may keep a book for the purposes of Subsection (a) above. The licensee or permittee or his or her employee may require any of the following persons to sign the book:

- a. A person who has shown documentary proof that he or she has attained the legal drinking age if the person's age is in question.
 - b. A person who alleges that he or she is the underage person's parent, guardian or spouse and that he or she has attained the legal drinking age, if the licensee or permittee or his or her employee suspects that he or she is not the underage person's parent, guardian or spouse or that he or she has not attained the legal drinking age.
- (2) The book may show the date of the purchase of the alcohol beverage, the identification used in making the purchase or the identification used to establish that a person is an underage person's parent, guardian or spouse and has attained the legal drinking age, the address of the purchase and the purchaser's signature.

State Law Reference: Section 125.07(6) and (7), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-4-6 Persons Who Have Attained the Legal Drinking Age; False or Altered Identification Cards.

- (a)
 - (1) Any person who has attained the legal drinking age, other than one authorized by Sec. 125.08 or Sec. 343.50, Wis. Stats., who makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card may be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).
 - (2) Any person who has attained the legal drinking age who, in applying for an identification card, presents false information to the issuing officer may be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).
- (b) Any underage person who does any of the following is subject to the penalties specified under Section 11-4-4(d) or (e):
 - (1) Intentionally carries an official identification card not legally issued to him or her, an official identification card obtained under false pretenses or an official identification card which has been altered or duplicated to convey false information. A law enforcement officer shall confiscate any card that violates this Subsection.
 - (2) Makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card.
 - (3) Presents false information to an issuing officer in applying for an official identification card.

State Law Reference: Sec. 125.09(3), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-4-7 Possession of Alcohol Beverages on School Grounds Prohibited.

- (a) In this Subsection:
 - (1) **Motor vehicle** means a motor vehicle owned, rented or consigned to a school.

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- (2) **School** program for one (1) or more grades between grades 1 and 12 and which is commonly known as an elementary school, middle school, junior high school, senior high school or high school.
- (3) **School administrator** means the person designated by the governing body of a school as ultimately responsible for the ordinary operations of a school.
- (4) **School premises** means premises owned, rented or under the control of a school.
- (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) no person may possess or consume alcohol beverages:
 - (1) On school premises;
 - (2) In a motor vehicle, if a pupil attending the school is in the motor vehicle; or
 - (3) While participating in a school-sponsored activity.
- (c) Alcohol beverages may be possessed or consumed on school premises, in motor vehicles or by participants in school-sponsored activities if specifically permitted in writing by the school administrator consistent with applicable laws and ordinances.
- (d) A person who violates this Section is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), except that Sec. 938.344, Wis. Stats., and Section 11-4-4(d) and (e) of this Code of Ordinances provide the penalties applicable to underage persons.

Cross Reference: Section 11-6-5.

Sec. 11-4-8 Adult Permitting or Encouraging Underage Violation.

- (a) No adult may knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on premises owned by the person or under the person's control. This Subsection does not apply to alcohol beverages used exclusively as part of a religious service.
- (b) No adult may intentionally encourage or contribute to a violation of Section 11-4-4(a) or (b).
- (c) A person who violates this Section is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

State Law Reference: Sec. 125.07(1)(a)3 and 4, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-4-9 Solicitation of Drinks Prohibited.

Any licensee, permittee or bartender of a retail alcohol beverage establishment covered by a license or permit issued by the City who permits an entertainer or an employee to solicit a drink of any alcohol beverage defined in Sec. 125.02(1), Wis. Stats., or any other drink from a customer on the premises, or any entertainer or employee who solicits such drinks from any customer is deemed in violation of this Section.

Sec. 11-4-10 Social Host Responsibility.

- (a) **Purpose.** The City of Owen intends to discourage underage possession and consumption of alcohol, even if done within the confines of a private residence or other structure, and intends to hold adult persons civilly responsible who host events or gatherings where persons under twenty-one (21) years of age possess or consume alcohol regardless of whether the person hosting the event or gathering supplied the alcohol. The Owen Common Council finds:
- (1) **Public Health Considerations.**
 - a. Events and gatherings held on private or public property where alcohol is consumed by persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age are harmful to those persons and constitute a potential threat to public health requiring prevention or abatement.
 - b. Alcohol is an addictive drug which, if used irresponsibly, could have drastic effects on those individuals who use it, particularly underage individuals, as well as those who are affected by the actions of an irresponsible user.
 - (2) **Prohibiting Underage Consumption.** Prohibiting underage consumption acts to protect underage persons, as well as the general public, from injuries related to alcohol consumption, such as alcohol overdoses or alcohol-related traffic accidents.
 - (3) **Parental/Guardian Role.** Events or gatherings involving underage possession and consumption often occur outside the presence of parents. There are, however, instances when the parent(s) or legal guardian is/are present and condone the activity, and, in some circumstances, provide the alcohol.
 - (4) **Deterrent Effect.** A deterrent effect will be created by holding an adult person(s) responsible for hosting an event or gathering where underage possession or consumption occurs.
- (b) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (1) **Alcohol.** Ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirits of wine, whiskey, rum, brandy, gin or any other distilled spirits including dilutions and mixtures thereof from whatever source or by whatever process produced, including wine and fermented malt beverages.
 - (2) **Alcohol Beverage.** Alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer and other fermented malt beverages, and every liquid or solid containing alcohol, spirits, wine or fermented malt beverages, and which contain one-half of one percent (.5%) or more of alcohol by volume and which is fit for beverage purposes either alone or when diluted, mixed or combined with other substances.
 - (3) **Event or Gathering.** Any group of three (3) or more persons who have assembled or gathered together for a social occasion or other activity.
 - (4) **Host or Allow.** To aid, conduct, entertain, organize, supervise, control, provide or permit a gathering or event.

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- (5) **Parent.** Any adult person having legal custody of a juvenile:
 - a. As natural, adoptive parent or step-parent;
 - b. As a legal guardian; or
 - c. As a person to whom legal custody has been given by order of a court.
 - (6) **Residence, Premises, or Public or Private Property.** Any home, yard, farm, field, land, apartment, condominium, hotel or motel room, or other dwelling unit or accessory structure, or a hall or meeting room, park or any other place of assembly, whether occupied on a temporary or permanent basis, whether occupied as a dwelling unit, or specifically for a party or other social function, and whether owned, leased, rented or used with or without permission or compensation.
 - (7) **Underage Person.** Any individual under twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - (8) **Present.** Being at hand or in attendance.
 - (9) **In Control.** The power to direct, manage, oversee and/or restrict the affairs, business or assets of a person or entity.
- (c) **Prohibited Acts.**
- (1) **Prohibited Hosting Activity.**
 - a. No adult may knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on property, including any premises, owned and occupied by the adult or occupied by the adult and under the adult's control. This prohibition applies to a lodging establishment, as defined in Sec. 106.52(1)(d), Wis. Stats., only if the adult has furnished payment or security of lodging.
 - b. Under this prohibition, it is unlawful for any adult(s) to: host, allow or permit any event or gathering at any residence, premises or on any other private or public property under the adult's control where alcohol or alcohol beverages are present when the adult knows that underage persons will, likely will, or does consume any alcohol or alcohol beverage with the intent to consume it; and the adult(s) fails to take reasonable steps to prevent possession or consumption by the underage person(s).
 - (2) **Intent to Aid Prohibited Hosting Activity.** An adult(s) violates this Section if the adult(s) intentionally aids, advises, hires, or conspires with or otherwise procures another to commit or engage in an act prohibited by this Section.
 - (3) **Presence Not Required for Violation.** An adult(s) who knowingly hosts an event or gathering does not have to be present at the event or gathering to be responsible.
- (d) **Exceptions.** The following are exceptions to this Section:
- (1) **Other Parties Not Present.** This Section does not apply to conduct solely between an underage person and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian while that parent or legal guardian is present and in control of the underage person.
 - (2) **Legally Protected Religious Observances.** This Section does not apply to legally protected religious observances.

- (3) **Employment Exception.** This Section does not apply to situations where underage persons are lawfully in possession of alcohol or alcohol beverages during the course and scope of employment.

State Law Reference: Section 125.07(1)(a)3, Wis. Stats.

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Sec. 11-5-1 Curfew.

- (a) **Curfew Established.** No minors or persons under the age of eighteen (18) shall loiter, idle, wander or play either on foot or in a vehicle of any nature whatsoever upon the streets, alleys, highways, roads, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, vacant lots or other unsupervised places of the City of Owen, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, unless such child is accompanied by his or her parent, legal guardian, or person having lawful custody and control of his or her person, or unless there exists a reasonable necessity therefor. The fact that said juvenile, unaccompanied by parent, legal guardian or other person having legal custody is found upon any such public place during the aforementioned hours shall be prima facie evidence that said juvenile is there unlawfully and that no reasonable excuse exists therefor.
- (b) **Exceptions.**
- (1) **Exceptions Defined.** This Section shall not apply to a juvenile:
- Who is performing an errand as directed by his/her parent, legal guardian or person having lawful custody.

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- b. Who is on his/her own premises or in the areas immediately adjacent thereto.
 - c. Whose employment makes it necessary to be upon the streets, alleys or public places or in any motor vehicle during such hours.
 - d. Who is returning home from a supervised school, church or civic function, but not later than sixty (60) minutes after the ending of such function.
 - e. Who is at any time, in the event of an emergency which would justify the reasonableness of the person's presence.
 - f. Who is engaged in interstate travel.
 - g. Who is accompanied by his/her parent, guardian, or other adult person having legal custody of such minor;
 - h. Who is participating in, going to, or returning from an activity involving the exercise of his/her rights protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or any equivalent rights under the Wisconsin Constitution, including freedom of speech, the free exercise of religion, and the right of assembly.
- (2) **Limitations on Exceptions.** These exceptions shall not, however, permit a juvenile to unnecessarily loiter about the streets, alleys or public places or be in a parked motor vehicle on the public streets.
- (c) **Responsibility of Operators of Places of Amusement.** No person operating a place of amusement or entertainment within the City, or any agent, servant or employee of any such person, shall permit a person under eighteen (18) years of age to enter to enter or loiter in such place of amusement or entertainment between 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. the next day, unless such person under eighteen (18) years of age is accompanied by his/her parent, guardian or other adult person having legal custody of such person.
- (d) **Responsibility of Hotels Motels and Rooming Houses.** No person operating a hotel, motel, lodging or rooming house within the City or any agent, servant or employee of such person, shall permit any person under eighteen (18) years of age to visit, wander or stroll in any portion of such hotel, motel, lodging or rooming house between 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. the next day, unless such person under eighteen (18) years of age is accompanied by his/her parent, legal guardian or other adult person having legal custody of such person.
- (e) **Parental Responsibility.** It shall be unlawful for any parent, legal guardian or other person having the lawful care, custody and control of any person under age eighteen (18) to permit, or by ineffective control allow, such person to violate the provisions of Subsections (a)-(d) above. The fact that prior to the present offense a parent, legal guardian or custodian was informed by any law enforcement officer of a separate violation of this Section occurring within thirty (30) days of the present offense shall be prima facie evidence that such parent, legal guardian or custodian allowed or permitted the present violation. Any parent, legal guardian or custodian herein who shall have made a missing person notification to the Police Department shall not be considered to have allowed or permitted any juvenile under age sixteen (16) to violate this Section. No person shall be

liable under this Subsection for a violation committed by a minor during any period when physical placement of such minor has been assigned exclusively to some other person by judgment or order of a court.

- (f) **Detaining a Juvenile.** Pursuant to Chapter 938, Wis. Stats., law enforcement officers are hereby authorized to detain any juvenile violating the above provisions and other provisions in this Chapter until such time as the parent, legal guardian or person having legal custody of the juvenile shall be immediately notified and the person so notified shall as soon as reasonably possible thereafter report to law enforcement authorities for the purpose of taking the custody of the juvenile and shall sign a release for him or her, or such juvenile may be taken directly from the scene of his/her apprehension to his/her home. If such juvenile's parents or relative living nearby cannot be contacted to take custody of such juvenile and it is determined by the apprehending officer that the juvenile's physical or mental condition is such as would require immediate attention, the law enforcement officer may make such necessary arrangements as may be necessary under the circumstances for the juvenile's welfare.
- (g) **Warning and Penalty.**
- (1) **Explanation Opportunity Prior to Warning/Citation Issuance.** Unless flight by the child or other circumstances makes it impracticable, a law enforcement officer shall, prior to issuing a citation or warning for an offense under this Section, afford the child an opportunity to explain his/her reasons for being present in the public place. A law enforcement officer shall not issue a citation or warning for an offense under this Section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred, and that none of the exceptions provided in this Section apply.
 - (2) **Warning.** The first time a parent, legal guardian, or person having legal custody of a juvenile who is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer as provided in Subsection (f) above, such parent, legal guardian, or person having such legal custody shall be advised as to the provisions of this Section and further advised that any violation of this Section occurring thereafter by this juvenile or any other juvenile under his or her care or custody shall result in a penalty being imposed as hereinafter provided.
 - (3) **Penalty.**
 - a. Any parent, legal guardian, or person having legal custody of a juvenile described in Subsection (a) above who has been warned in the manner provided in Subsection (g)(1) herein and who thereafter violates this Section shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-7 of this Code of Ordinances. After a second violation within a six (6) month period, if the defendant, in a prosecution under this Section, proves that he or she is unable to comply with this Section because of the disobedience of the juvenile, the action shall be dismissed and the juvenile shall be referred to the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under Chapter 938, Wis. Stats.

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- b. Any juvenile under sixteen (16) years of age who shall violate this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), together with the costs of prosecution. Any juvenile violating this Section shall be subject to disposition as provided in Sec. 938.343, Wis. Stats., or any subsequent amendment, modification, revision, renumbering, recodification or addition or deletion of said provision.

Sec. 11-5-2 Possession of Controlled Substances by Juveniles.

It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to possess a controlled substance contrary to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Ch. 961, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-5-3 Petty Theft by Juveniles.

It shall be unlawful for any juvenile with intent, to steal or take property from the person or presence of the owner without the owner's consent and with the intent to deprive the owner of the use thereof.

Sec. 11-5-4 Receiving Stolen Goods.

It shall be unlawful for a person under the age of seventeen (17) to intentionally receive or conceal property he/she knows to be stolen.

Sec. 11-5-5 City Jurisdiction Over Juveniles.

- (a) **Adoption of State Statutes.** Secs. 938.02, and 938.17(2), Wis. Stats., are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this Section as if fully set forth herein.
- (b) **Definition of Adult and Juvenile.**
 - (1) **Adult** means a person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, except that for purposes of prosecuting a person who is alleged to have violated any civil law or municipal ordinance, "adult" means a person who has attained seventeen (17) years of age.
 - (2) **Juvenile** means a person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age, except that for purposes of prosecuting a person who is alleged to have violated a civil law or municipal ordinance, "juvenile" does not include a person who has attained seventeen (17) years of age.

- (c) **Provisions of Ordinance Applicable to Juveniles.** Subject to the provisions and limitations of Sec. 938.17(2), Wis. Stats., complaints alleging a violation of any provision of this Code of Ordinances against juveniles may be brought on behalf of the City of Owen and may be prosecuted utilizing the same procedures in such cases as are applicable to adults charged with the same offense.
- (d) **No Incarceration as Penalty.** The Court shall not impose incarceration as a penalty for any person convicted of an offense prosecuted under this Section.
- (e) **Additional Prohibited Acts.** In addition to any other provision of the City of Owen Code of Ordinances, no juvenile shall own, possess, ingest, buy, sell, trade, use as a beverage, give away or otherwise control any intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverage in violation of Ch. 125, Wis. Stats.
- (f) **Penalty for Violations of Subsection (d).** Any juveniles who shall violate the provisions of Subsection (d) shall be subject to the same penalties as are provided in Section 1-1-7 of this Code of Ordinances exclusive of the provisions therein relative to commitment in the County Jail.

Cross Reference: Section 11-4-7.

Sec. 11-5-6 Possession, Manufacture and Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia.

- (a) **Definition.** In this Section, "drug paraphernalia" means all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use, in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, selling, distributing, delivering, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body, a controlled substance, as defined in Ch. 961, Wis. Stats., in violation of this Section. It includes but is not limited to:
 - (1) Kits used, intended for use, or designed for use, in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing or harvesting of any species of plant which is a controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be derived.
 - (2) Kits used, intended for use, or designed for use, in manufacturing, selling, distributing, delivering, compounding, converting, producing, processing, or preparing controlled substances.
 - (3) Isomerization devices used, intended for use, or designed for use, in increasing the potency of any species of plant which is a controlled substance.
 - (4) Testing equipment used, intended for use, or designed for use, in identifying or in analyzing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of controlled substances.
 - (5) Scales and balances used, intended for use, or designed for use, in weighing or measuring controlled substances.

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- (6) Diluents and adulterants, such as quinine, hydrochloride, mannitol, mannite, dextrose and lactose, used, intended for use, or designed for use in cutting controlled substances.
 - (7) Separation gins and sifters used, intended for use, or designed for use, in removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana.
 - (8) Blenders, bowls, containers, spoons and mixing devices used, intended for use, or designed for use, in compounding controlled substances.
 - (9) Capsules, balloons, envelopes, or other containers used, intended for use, or designed for use, in packaging small quantities of controlled substances.
 - (10) Containers and other objects used, intended for use, or designed for use in storing or concealing controlled substances.
 - (11) Hypodermic syringes, needles, or other objects used, intended for use, or designed for use, in parenterally injecting controlled substances into the human body.
 - (12) Objects used, intended for use, or designed for use, in ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing marijuana, cocaine, hashish or hashish oil, into the human body, including but not limited to:
 - a. Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent screens, hashish heads, or punctured metal bowls.
 - b. Water pipes;
 - c. Carburetion tubes and devices;
 - d. Smoking and carburetion masks;
 - e. Objects used to hold burning material, such as a marijuana cigarette, that has become too small or too short to be held in the hand;
 - f. Miniature cocaine spoons and cocaine vials;
 - g. Chamber pipes;
 - h. Carburetor pipes;
 - i. Electric pipes;
 - j. Air-driven pipes;
 - k. Chillums;
 - l. Bonges;
 - m. Ice pipes or chillers.
- (b) **Determination of Drug Paraphernalia.** In determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia, the following shall be considered, without limitation of such other considerations a court may deem relevant:
- (1) Statements by an owner or by anyone in control of the object concerning its use.
 - (2) Prior convictions, if any, of an owner or of anyone in control of the object, under any city, state or federal law relating to any controlled substance.
 - (3) The proximity of the object in time and space to a direct violation of this Section.
 - (4) The proximity of the object to controlled substances.
 - (5) The existence of any residue of controlled substance on the object.

- (6) Direct or circumstantial evidence of the intent of the owner, or of anyone in control of the object, to deliver it to persons whom the person knows, or should reasonably know, intend to use the object to facilitate a violation of this Section. The innocence of an owner, or of anyone in control of this object, as to a direct violation of this Section, shall not prevent a finding that the object is intended for use, or designed for use, as drug paraphernalia.
 - (7) Oral or written instructions provided with the object concerning its use.
 - (8) Descriptive materials accompanying the object which explain or depict its use.
 - (9) National and local advertising concerning its use.
 - (10) The manner in which the object is displayed for sale.
 - (11) Direct or circumstantial evidence of the ratio of sales of the object to the total sale of the business enterprise.
 - (12) The existence and scope of legitimate uses for the object in the community;
 - (13) Expert testimony concerning its use.
- (c) **Prohibited Uses.**
- (1) **Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.** No person may use, or possess with the primary intent to use, drug paraphernalia 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 or controlled substance analog in violation of this Subsection.
 - (2) **Manufacture or Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia.** No person may deliver, or possess with intent to deliver, drug paraphernalia, knowing that it will be primarily used 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 or controlled substance analog in violation of this Subsection.
 - (3) **Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia by a Minor to Minor.** Any person who is under eighteen (18) years of age, who violates Subsection (c)(2) by delivering drug paraphernalia to a person under eighteen (18) years of age who is at least three (3) years younger than the violator, is guilty of a special offense.
 - (4) **Exemption.** This Section does not apply to manufacturers, practitioners, pharmacists, owners of pharmacies and other persons whose conduct is in accordance with Ch. 961, Wis. Stats. This Section does not prohibit the possession, manufacture or use of hypodermics, in accordance with Ch. 961, Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Penalties.** Any person who violates Subsection (c)(1), (2) or (3), shall upon conviction, be subject to disposition under Sec. 938.344(2e), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-5-7 Truancy and Dropouts.

- (a) **Definitions.** For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions shall be applicable:
- (1) **Acceptable Excuse.** Permission of the parent/guardian/legal custodian of the pupil, within limits of policies on truancy established by the school in which the pupil is

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enrolled. Except in emergencies or unforeseeable circumstances, such permission is expected to be communicated in writing from the parent/guardian/legal custodian to the school, prior to the absence. In emergencies or unforeseeable circumstances, such communication is expected to be as soon as practicable following the absence.

- (2) **Dropout.** A child who has ceased to attend school, does not attend a public or private school, technical college or home-based private educational program on a full-time basis, has not graduated from high school and does not have an acceptable excuse under Sec. 118.15(1)(b) to (d) or (3), Wis. Stats.
 - (3) **Habitual Truant.** A pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse under Secs. 118.15 and 118.16(4), Wis. Stats., for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester.
 - (4) **Truant.** A pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse under Secs. 118.15 and 118.16(4), Wis. Stats, for part or all of any day on which school is held during a school semester.
- (b) **Truancy.** No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be truant. Upon conviction thereof, the following dispositions are available to the court:
- (1) An order for the person to attend school.
 - (2) A forfeiture of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) plus costs for a first violation, or a forfeiture of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus costs for any second subsequent violation committed within twelve (12) months of a previous violation, subject to Sec. 938.37, Wis. Stats., and subject to a maximum cumulative forfeiture of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for all violations committed during a school semester. All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both.
- (c) **Habitual Truancy.**
- (1) No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be a habitual truant.
 - (2) If the court determines that a person is a habitual truant, the court may order one or more of the following dispositions:
 - a. Suspension of the person's operating privilege for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year. The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended license and forward it to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.
 - b. An order for the person to participate in counseling or a supervised work program or other community service work as described in Sec. 938.34(5g), Wis. Stats. The costs of any such counseling, supervised work program or other community service work may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both.
 - c. An order for the person to remain at home except during hours in which the person is attending religious worship or a school program, including travel time required to get to and from the school program or place of worship. The order

may permit a person to leave his/her home if the child is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- d. An order for the person to attend an educational program as described in Sec. 938.34(7d), Wis. Stats.
 - e. An order for the Wisconsin Department of Work Force Development to revoke, under Sec. 103.72, Wis. Stats, a permit under Sec. 103.70, Wis. Stats., authorizing the employment of the person.
 - f. An order for the person to be placed in a teen court program as described in Sec. 938.342(1g)(f), Wis. Stats.
 - g. An order for the person to attend school.
 - h. A forfeiture of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) plus costs, subject to Sec. 938.37, Wis. Stats. All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both.
 - i. An order placing the person under formal or informal supervision, as described in Sec. 938.34(2), Wis. Stats., for up to one (1) year.
 - j. An order for the person's parent, guardian or legal custodian to participate in counseling at the parent's, guardian's or legal custodian's own expense, or to attend school with the person, or both.
 - k. Any other reasonable conditions consistent with this Section, including a curfew, restrictions as to going to or remaining on specified premises and restrictions on associating with other children or adults.
- (d) **Dropouts.**
- (1) No person who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but is less than eighteen (18) years of age may be a dropout.
 - (2) If the court determines that a person is at least sixteen (16) years of age but is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is a dropout, the court may suspend the person's operating privilege until the person reaches the age of eighteen (18). The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended license and forward it to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.
- (e) **Dispositional Orders and Sanctions.** The court is hereby authorized to exercise each and every kind of authority granted to courts under Wisconsin law. Specifically, the court is hereby authorized to exercise the authority granted to it in Sec. 938.355, Wis. Stats., and is hereby authorized to exercise the authority granted it in Sec. 938.355(6m), Wis. Stats.
- (f) **Adopted Terms.** As used in this Section, the terms "truant", "habitual truant", "operating privilege", and "dropout" have the meanings provided in Sec. 118.163, Wis. Stats. Those definitions are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as if fully set forth. Any future amendment of any such definition is hereby adopted and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth as the effective date of such future amendment.
- (g) **Failure to Cause a Child to Attend School Regularly.**
- (1) Unless the child is excepted or excused under Sec. 118.15, Wis. Stats., or has graduated from high school, any person having under his/her control a child who is

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between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) years shall cause the child to attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the public or private school in which the child should be enrolled is in session until the end of the school term, quarter or semester of the school year in which the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

- (2) This Section does not apply:
 - a. To a person who has under his/her control a child who has been sanctioned under Sec. 49.26(1)(h), Wis. Stats.
 - b. To a person who proves that he/she is unable to comply with the requirements of this Section because of the disobedience of the child, in which case the action shall be dismissed and the juvenile officer or law enforcement authority shall refer the case to the District Attorney's Office.
 - c. Unless evidence has been provided by the school attendance office that the activities under Sec. 118.16(5), Wis. Stats., have been completed or were not required to be completed as provided in Sec. 118.16(5m), Wis. Stats.

(h) **Contributing to Truancy.**

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (h)(2) below, any person eighteen (18) years of age or older, who, by an act or omission, knowingly encourages or contributes to the truancy, as defined in Subsection (h)(4), of a juvenile shall be subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Section 1-1-7.
- (2) Subsection (1) above does not apply to a person who has under his or her control a juvenile who has been sanctioned under Sec. 49.26(1)(h), Wis. Stats.
- (3) An act or omission contributes to the truancy of a child, whether or not the juvenile is adjudged to be in need of protection or services, if the natural and probable consequences of that act or omission would be to cause the juvenile to be a truant.
- (4) "Truancy" means any absence of part or all of one (1) or more days from school during which the school attendance officer, principal or teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of such absence by the parent or legal guardian of the absent pupil, and also means intermittent attendance carried on for the purpose of defeating the intent of Sec. 118.15, Wis. Stats.

(i) **Parent or Legal Guardian Liability for Truancy.**

- (1) Unless the juvenile is excepted or excused under Sec. 118.15, Wis. Stats., or has graduated from high school, any person having under control a juvenile who is between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) years shall cause the juvenile to attend school regularly during the full period of hours, religious holidays excepted, that the public or private school in which the juvenile should be enrolled is in session until the end of the school term, quarter or semester of the school year in which the juvenile becomes eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) a. A person found to have violated Subsection (i)(1) above, after evidence is provided by a school official that the activities under Sec. 118.16(5), Wis. Stats., have been completed, shall be subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Section 1-1-7.

- b. Subsection (i)(2)a above does not apply to a person who has under his or her control a juvenile who has been sanctioned under Sec. 49.26(1)(h), Wis. Stats., nor does it apply if the person proves that he or she is unable to comply with Subsection (i)(1) because of the disobedience of the juvenile.

Sec. 11-5-8 Unlawful Sheltering of Minors.

- (a) No person shall intentionally shelter or conceal a minor child who:
- (1) Is a "runaway child", meaning a child who has run away from his or her parent, legal guardian or legal or physical custodian; or
 - (2) Is a child who may be taken into custody pursuant to Sec. 938.19, Wis. Stats.
- (b) Subsection (a) applies when the following conditions are present:
- (1) The person knows or should have known that the child is a child described in either Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2); and
 - (2) The child has been reported to a law enforcement agency as a missing person or as a child described in Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2).
- (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to any of the following:
- (1) A person operating a runaway home in compliance with Sec. 938.227, Wis. Stats.; or
 - (2) A person who shelters or conceals a child at the request or with the consent of the child's parent, legal guardian or legal or physical custodian except if the sheltering or concealment violates Sec. 946.71 or 946.715, Wis. Stats.; or
 - (3) A person who immediately notifies a law enforcement agency, county department of public welfare or social services, or the intake worker of the court exercising jurisdiction under Ch. 48 or 938, Wis. Stats., that he or she is sheltering or concealing such child and provides the person or agency notified with all information requested.

Sec. 11-5-9 Purchase or Possession of Tobacco, Nicotine Products or Vaping Paraphernalia by Minors.

- (a) **Finding of Facts; Statement of Purpose.**
- (1) The purpose of this Section is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of persons in the City of Owen by prohibiting persons under eighteen (18) years of age from possessing and/or using tobacco products or vapor products or devices, and prohibiting the sale of tobacco products and vapor products and devices to persons under eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (2) Vaping devices and products provide an alternative smoking experience to tobacco products. The decline in cigarette smoking and the use of other tobacco products has resulted in an increase in the popularity of vaping devices and alternative nicotine delivery systems, particularly among minors.

- (3) Vaping devices and products often mimic conventional tobacco products in shape, color and size, with the user exhaling a smoke-like vapor similar in appearance to smoke exhaled when using tobacco products.
- (4) Persons under age eighteen (18) years of age are prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products, and retailers are prohibited from selling them to minors. Tobacco-less vaping devices and products allow a user to simulate smoking; such products currently may be purchased by minors and are marketed, unlike tobacco products, without health warnings, disclosure of nicotine concentrations, content levels of toxic substances, or age restrictions, and often come in flavors that appeal to minors. Consumers have no way of knowing whether vapor devices and products are safe, what potentially harmful chemicals the products contain, and what level of nicotine the products deliver.
- (5) The production of e-cigarettes, vapor products and vaping devices is not currently regulated by federal or state authorities, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not completed full testing of these products. Preliminary studies, however, have determined that e-cigarettes, vapor products and vapor devices can contain chemicals and substances known to be harmful, which may expose users and bystanders to potential health risks. The contents of cartridges used in vaping devices and products varies but often contain nicotine, traces of nicotine, formaldehyde, carcinogens, antifreeze, and other toxic substances which may pose a health risk to users and bystanders.
- (6) Vapor devices and products have been found to emit nicotine, ultrafine particles, lead, acetaldehyde, nickel, chromium, volatile organic compounds and other toxins, which when inhaled can be dangerous to the user and public, especially pregnant women and children. Volatile organic compounds, such as benzene and formaldehyde, found in vaping liquids, as well as in tobacco products when smoked, are known carcinogens. Inhalation of vaporized nicotine in propylene glycol is not FDA-approved. Exposure to ultrafine particles may exacerbate respiratory illnesses, such as asthma. There have been incidents of electronic vapor devices exploding, causing serious harm to the user.
- (7) The nicotine and/or chemicals contained in the e-liquid used in vapor devices and products are undetectable unless the liquid is tested in a laboratory facility, making it difficult and impractical for law enforcement officers to ascertain the composition of the liquid used in a vaping device or product. Some cartridges used with vapor devices can be refilled with a liquid nicotine solution, creating the potential for exposure to dangerous nicotine concentrations.
- (8) Increased nicotine addiction among minors is a likely outcome from use of vaping devices and products, and may lead to users transitioning to tobacco products. After years of declining levels of tobacco use by minors, recent data indicates that tobacco use by minors is again increasing.
- (9) The use of vapor devices and products in smoke-free locations threatens to undermine compliance with state and local smoking regulations and conflicts with the progress

- which has been made in public understanding that smoking is not permitted in public places, schools and places of employment.
- (10) It is the intent of this Section to protect the public health, safety and welfare by having consistent and uniform enforcement of smoke-free laws and ordinances by:
- a. Reducing the potential for minors to associate the use of vaping products and devices with a normal or healthy lifestyle;
 - b. Reducing the potential for re-normalizing smoking of any type in public places and places of employment; and
 - c. Prohibiting the sale or distribution of vapor devices and products to minors.
- (11) The City of Owen Common Council determines that prohibiting the sale, furnishing, or giving away of vapor devices and products to minors and prohibiting the possession, purchasing and use of such devices and products is in the public interest and will promote the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (b) **Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Cigarette.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 139.30(1), Wis. Stats.
 - (2) **Distributor.** A person specified under Secs. 139.30(3) or 139.75(4), Wis. Stats.
 - (3) **E-Liquid.** A liquid product, whether or not it contains nicotine, that is intended to be vaporized and inhaled using a vapor product or device.
 - (4) **Identification Card.** A license containing a photograph issued under Ch. 343, Wis. Stats., an identification card issued under Sec. 343.50, Wis. Stats., or an identification card issued under Sec. 125.08, Wis. Stats.
 - (5) **Jobber.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 139.30(6), Wis. Stats.
 - (6) **Law Enforcement Officer.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 30.50(4s), Wis. Stats.
 - (7) **Manufacturer.** Any person specified under Secs. 139.30(7) or 139.75(5), Wis. Stats.
 - (8) **Minor.** An individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (9) **Nicotine Product.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 134.66(1)(f), Wis. Stats.
 - (10) **Person Who Sells Tobacco Products at Retail.** A person whose ordinary course of business consists, in whole or part, of the retail sale of tobacco products subject to the state sales tax.
 - (11) **Person Who Sells Vapor Products or Devices at Retail.** A person whose ordinary course of business consists, in whole or part, of the retail sale of vapor products or devices.
 - (12) **Possession of a Tobacco or Vaping Product or Device.** Means either actual physical control of the tobacco or vaping product or device without necessarily owning that product/device, or the right to control the tobacco or vaping product/device even though the item is in a different place or room than where the person is physically located.
 - (13) **Retailer.** Any person licensed under Sec. 139.65(1), Wis. Stats., in regard to tobacco products, or, in the case of vaping, any person offering for sale vaping-related products or devices.

- (14) **School.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 118.257(1)(c), Wis. Stats.
- (15) **Subjobber.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 139.75(11), Wis. Stats.
- (16) **Tobacco Products.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 139.75(12), Wis. Stats., and further means, but is not limited to, any substance containing tobacco leaf, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco or dipping tobacco.
- (17) **Use a Tobacco or Vapor Product.** To smoke, chew, suck, inhale, or otherwise consume a tobacco product or vapor product.
- (18) **Vapor or Vaping Product or Device.** Any product or device containing or delivering nicotine, lobella, or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through the delivery of nicotine or any other substance through inhalation of vapor from the product. Included are any devices, regardless of shape or size, which employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit and that can be used to heat or dispense a liquid solution as a vapor which is intended for human consumption through inhalation. The term includes, but is not limited to, any device marketed as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, vape pen, vapes, tank systems, electronic nicotine delivery systems, electronic smoking device, or under any similar product name or description. Such devices may be similar in appearance to tobacco cigarettes, cigars or pipes, while others may resemble pens, USB sticks or flash drives, and other everyday items. Also includes any component part of such product or associated paraphernalia whether or not sold separately, such as, but not limited to, any vapor cartridge, solution, or other container, that may or may not contain nicotine, that is intended to be used with a vaping device. Not included is any product that has been approved by the FDA for sale as a tobacco cessation product or is being marketed and sold solely for such approved purposes.
- (19) **Vaping.** The use of an electronic or other device that creates an aerosol or vapor from a vapor product, in any manner or in any form or the use of any oral vapor or smoking device
- (20) **Vending Machine.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 139.30(14), Wis. Stats.
- (21) **Vending Machine Operator.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 139.30(15), Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Prohibition Against Sale of or Availability of Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, and Nicotine Products to Minors.** It shall be a violation of this Section for any retailer to sell or give away any cigarettes, tobacco products, or nicotine products to any person under the age of eighteen (18) except as provided in Sec. 254.92(2), Wis. Stats. A vending machine operator is not liable for the purchase of cigarettes, tobacco products, or nicotine products from his/her vending machine by a person under eighteen (18) years of age if the vending machine operator was unaware of the purchase.
- (d) **Prohibited Conduct.**
 - (1) Consistent with Sec. 254.92, Wis. Stats., a minor shall not do any of the following:
 - a. Purchase or attempt to purchase a tobacco product, nicotine product, or vaping device or product.

- b. Possess or attempt to possess a tobacco product, nicotine product, or vaping device or product.
 - c. Use a tobacco product, nicotine product or vaping device or product in a public place.
 - d. Present or offer to an individual a purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his/her own proof of age for the purpose of purchasing, attempting to purchase, possessing, or attempting to possess a tobacco product, nicotine product, or vaping device or product.
- (2) No individual, regardless of age, who is enrolled in a public school may use, possess or attempt to possess a tobacco product, nicotine product, or vaping device or product on school grounds and property.
- (e) **Exceptions.** Subsection (d) above does not apply to a minor participating in any of the following:
- (1) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives a tobacco product, nicotine product or vapor product under the direction of a law enforcement agency as part of an enforcement action, unless the initial or contemporaneous purchase or receipt of the tobacco product, nicotine product or vapor product or device by the minor was not under the direction of a law enforcement agency and was not part of the undercover operation.
 - (2) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives a tobacco product, nicotine product, or vapor product or device under the direction of the minor's employer and with the prior approval of the local prosecutor's office as part of an employer-sponsored enforcement action.
 - (3) Compliance checks in which the minor attempts to purchase tobacco products for the purpose of satisfying federal substance abuse block grant youth tobacco access requirements, if the compliance checks are conducted with the prior approval of a law enforcement agency.
 - (4) A minor may possess or handle a tobacco product, nicotine product, or vapor device or product for the sole purpose of resale in the course of employment during his/her normal working hours if employed by a retailer licensed under Sec. 134.65(1), Wis. Stats.
- (f) **Defense of Retailers.**
- (1) Proof of all the following facts by a retailer who sells tobacco products, nicotine products, or vapor devices or products to a minor is a defense to any prosecution for a violation of Subsection (d) above:
 - a. That the purchaser falsely represented that he/she had attained the age of eighteen (18) and presented a fraudulent identification card.
 - b. That the sale was made in good faith, in reasonable reliance on the identification card and appearance of the purchaser and in the belief that the purchaser had attained the age of eighteen (18).

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- (2) A retailer or vending machine operator shall post a sign(s) in areas within his/her retail premises where tobacco products, nicotine products, or vapor products or devices are sold to consumers stating that the sale of any tobacco product, nicotine product, or vapor product or device to a person under the age of eighteen (18) is unlawful under this Section or comparable state laws.
- (g) **Furnishing to Minors.** Consistent with the requirements of Sec. 134.66, Wis. Stats.:
 - (1) No person shall sell, furnish or give any tobacco product, nicotine product, or vapor product or device to a minor, including, but not limited to, through a vending machine.
 - (2) Before selling, offering for sale, giving, or furnishing a tobacco product, nicotine product, or vapor product or device to an individual, such person shall verify that the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age by doing one of the following:
 - a. Examining a government-issued photographic identification that establishes that the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - b. For sales made through the internet or other remote sales method, performing an age verification through an independent, third-party age verification service that compares information available from a commercially available database, or aggregate of databases, that are regularly used by government agencies and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification of the personal information entered by the individual during the ordering process that establishes that the individual is eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - (3) No manufacturer, distributor, jobber, sub-jobber, or retailer, or their employees or agents, may provide cigarettes, tobacco products, nicotine products, or vapor devices or products for nominal or no consideration to any person under the age of eighteen (18).
- (h) **Seizure of Products.** A law enforcement officer may seize any tobacco product, nicotine product, or vapor device or product involved in any violation of this Section committed in his/her presence.
- (i) **Penalties.** Any person who violates provisions of this Section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 1-1-7 of this Code of Ordinances, except that where a minor is adjudged to have violated this Section, the court is also authorized to impose any of the dispositions in Secs. 938.343 and 938.344, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-5-10 Criminal Gang Activity Prohibited.

- (a) **Authority.** This Section is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Sec. 66.0501 and Chapter 948, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined:
 - (1) **"Criminal Gang"** means an ongoing organization, association or group of three (3) or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has as one of its primary activities, the

commission of one (1) or more criminal or unlawful acts, or acts that would be criminal or unlawful if the actor were an adult, specified in Sec. 939.22(21)(a) to (s), Wis. Stats., or in any of the Municipal Code sections referred to in Subsection (b)(2) below; that has a common name or common identifying sign or symbol and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity.

- (2) **"Pattern of Criminal Gang Activity"** has the same meaning as the definition in Sec. 939.22(21), Wis. Stats., the list of offenses in Subsections (a) to (s) of that Section to Title 11 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (3) **"Unlawful Act"** includes a violation of any of the Municipal Code sections referred to in Subsection (b)(2) above or any criminal act or act that would be criminal if the actor were an adult.

(c) **Unlawful Activity.**

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to engage in criminal gang activity.
- (2) It is unlawful for any person to solicit or attempt to solicit a person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years, to commit or attempt to commit any violation of the provisions of this Section, or any one (1) or more of those sections of the Municipal Code referred to in Subsection (b)(2) above.
- (3) It is unlawful for any person to solicit or attempt to solicit a person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years, to participate in criminal gang activity.
- (4) It is unlawful for any person to solicit or attempt to solicit a person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years, to join a criminal gang.

State Law Reference: Sec. 941.38, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-5-11 Parental Responsibility for Juvenile Misconduct.

- (a) **Purpose.** This Section is intended to reduce the incidents of misconduct by juveniles or underage persons by requiring proper supervision on the part of custodial parents.
- (b) **Prohibited Conduct.** Every custodial parent has the duty to properly supervise his/her child. It shall be unlawful for any custodial parent to fail to properly supervise his/her child. Proof of a child's conviction of a City of Owen ordinance violation, a violation of a state statute that occurred in the City of Owen, or any combination thereof twice within a six (6) month period or three (3) or more times within a twelve (12) month period shall be prima facie evidence that the custodial parent is guilty of failing to properly supervise the child. A child's traffic offenses shall not be considered under this Section except for alcohol and drug related offenses, reckless driving, and traffic crimes. The six (6) and twelve (12) month periods shall be measured from the date of the first violation.
- (c) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section:
 - (1) **Child.** A person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

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- (2) **Custodial Parent.** A parent of a minor child who has custody of the child, that is, the parent who has responsibility for caring for and supervising the child at the time the child's ordinance violations occurred.
 - (3) **Custody.** Either physical custody of a child under a court order under Secs. 767.23 or 767.24, Wis. Stats., custody of a child under a stipulation under 767.10, Wis. Stats, or actual physical custody of the child. "Custody" does not include legal custody, as defined under Sec. 48.01(12), Wis. Stats., by an agency or a person other than a child's birth or adoptive parent. In determining which parent has custody of a child for purposes of this Section, the court shall consider which parent had responsibility for caring for and supervising the child at the time that the child's ordinance violations occurred.
- (d) **Defenses.**
- (1) The following shall be defenses to a violation of Subsection (b):
 - a. Where the parent can provide specific evidence of on-going participation in, or recent completion of, parenting classes, family therapy, group counseling or AODA counseling which includes the parent or child in question;
 - b. Where the parent reported the act(s) to the appropriate authorities;
 - c. Where the parent has made all reasonable and available efforts under the circumstances to prevent the juvenile misconduct;
 - d. Where the parent is not legally responsible for the supervision of the juvenile at the time the misconduct occurred; or
 - e. Where the parent has a physical or mental disability or incompetency rendering him/her incapable of supervising the juvenile at the time the misconduct occurred.
 - (2) It is not a defense when the parent assigns his/her parental responsibility to another, except pursuant to legal proceedings which result in a court order effectuating the same. The parent has the burden of proving his/her defense by clear and satisfactory evidence.

Sec. 11-5-12 Use of Laser Pointing Devices; Possession by Juveniles.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to focus, point or shine a laser beam directly or indirectly on another person or animal in such a manner as to harass, annoy or injure said person or animal.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to possess a laser pointing device. A person shall not be in violation of this Section if his/her possession of a laser pointing device is necessary for his/her employment, trade or occupation, and it is necessary for the pointer to be carried on his/her person.

Sec. 11-5-13 Enforcement and Penalties.

- (a) **Citation Process.** For violations of Sections 11-5-2 through 11-5-12, juveniles may be cited by the citation process on a form approved by the Chief of Police and shall contain on the reverse side the penalties that the juvenile may receive simultaneously with issuing the citation to the juvenile. A copy will be mailed to the parent or legal guardian.
- (b) **Penalties.** Violations of Sections 11-5-2 through 11-5-12 by a person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be punishable according to Section 1-1-7 of this Code of Ordinances and Sections 938.17(2), 938.343, 938.344 and 938.345, Wis. Stats. Nothing in this Section shall prevent the juvenile officer, in his/her discretion, from referring cases directly to the District Attorney's office.

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Sec. 11-6-1 Title; Authority; Public Nuisances Prohibited.

- (a) **Title/Purpose.** The title of this Chapter is the City of Owen Public Nuisance Ordinance. The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate for public health and safety reasons public nuisances and certain uses and activities in the City of Owen.
- (b) **Authority.** The Common Council has the specific authority under Secs. 29.038, 66.0407, 66.0413, 125.14, 169.01 and 175.25, and Ch. 823, Wis. Stats., to adopt this Chapter.
- (c) **Public Nuisances Prohibited.** No person shall erect, contrive, cause, continue, maintain or permit to exist any public nuisance within the City of Owen, Clark County, Wisconsin.

State Law Reference: Secs. 29.038, 66.0407, 66.0413, 125.14, 169.01 and 175.25, and Ch. 823, Wis. Stats.

Cross-Reference: Sections 15-4-1 through 15-4-10, Property Maintenance.

Sec. 11-6-2 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable in this Chapter:

- (a) **Agricultural Use.** Any beekeeping, commercial feed lots, dairying, egg production, floriculture, fish or fur farming, forest and game management, grazing, livestock raising,

orchards, plant greenhouses and nurseries, poultry raising, raising of grain, grass, mint and seed crops, raising of fruits, nuts and berries, sod farming, placing land in federal programs in return for payments in kind, owning land, at least thirty-five (35) acres of which is enrolled in the conservation reserve program under 16 USC 3831 to 3836, participating in the milk production termination program under 7 USC 1446(d), and vegetable raising.

- (b) **Appliance.** Any household or office device, instrument, utensil, or apparatus or machine that utilizes power, including, but not limited to, any stove, washer, dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, freezer, water heater, water pump, furnace, television set, home entertainment device, any computer or peripheral device or other electronic device.
- (c) **Building.** Any building or structure or any portion of a building or structure.
- (d) **Debris.** Any litter, junk, wood, bricks, paper, cement, concrete blocks, or any other unsightly accumulation of items or materials that may tend to depreciate property values in the adjacent or near area, create a blighted condition, present a substantial threat to public health or safety, create a public nuisance or public safety or health hazard, except when such items are determined by the Common Council, City committee or other agent of the City to be stored or housed out of public view and are not treated and maintained so as to be a public nuisance.
- (e) **Equipment.** Goods used or bought for use primarily in a business or profession, including farming.
- (f) **Hazardous Waste.** Any solid waste identified by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as hazardous under Sec. 291.05(2), Wis. Stats., or its successor provisions.
- (g) **Junk.** Scrap metal, metal alloy, wood, concrete, synthetic or organic material, or any junked, inoperative, unlicensed, or unregistered motor vehicle structures, equipment, furniture, appliances, or machinery, or any part thereof. This definition of junk includes refuse, used tires, parts of dismantled buildings, agricultural use equipment not in usable condition, parts of agricultural use equipment, and contaminated recyclable material.
- (h) **Junked.** Dismantled for parts or scrapped.
- (i) **Junkyard.** Any place which is owned, maintained, operated or used for storing, keeping, processing, buying or selling junk, including refuse dumps, garbage dumps, automobile graveyards, scrap metal processors, auto-wrecking yards, salvage yards, auto-recycling yards, used auto parts yards and temporary storage of automobile bodies or parts awaiting disposal as a normal part of a business operation when the business will continually have like materials located on the premises, and sanitary landfills. The definition does not include litter, trash, and other debris scattered along or upon the highway, or temporary operations and outdoor storage of limited duration.
- (j) **Local Zoning and Land Use Regulation.** Any applicable City zoning, subdivision, land division, platting, official map, building code, building permit, or other ordinance adopted pursuant to general police powers that is applicable in any manner to the use of land.
- (k) **Machinery.** A device or assemblage of parts that transmits forces, motion or energy from one part to another in a predetermined way by electrical, mechanical or chemical means. "Machinery" does not include a building.

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- (l) **Motor Vehicle.** A vehicle, including a combination of two (2) or more vehicles or an articulated vehicle, that is self-propelled, except a vehicle operated exclusively on a rail, with or without a current and valid registration issued by the State of Wisconsin or other state to the owner of the vehicles.
- (m) **Not Registered.** In reference to all-terrain vehicles, as defined in Sec. 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats., "snowmobiles" as defined in Sec. 340.01(58a), Wis. Stats., or "boat" as defined in Sec. 29.001(16), Wis. Stats., are those that are required to, but do not have nor bear any current and valid State of Wisconsin registrations.
- (n) **Public Nuisance.**
- (1) A thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such length of time as to:
 - a. Substantially annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public;
 - b. In any way render the public insecure in life or in the use of property;
 - c. Greatly offend the public morals or decency;
 - d. Unlawfully and substantially interfere with, obstruct or tend to obstruct or render dangerous for passage any street, alley, highway, navigable body of water or other public way or the use of public property.
 - e. Any condition or use of premises or of building exteriors which is detrimental to the property of others or which causes or tends to cause substantial diminution in the value of other property in the neighborhood in which such premises are located.
 - (2) Any condition or use of premises or of building exteriors which is detrimental to the property of others or which causes or tends to cause substantial diminution in the value of other property in the neighborhood in which such premises are located.
 - (3) Includes a nuisance property as defined in Section 10-5-8, and chronic nuisance premises and nuisance activities defined in Section 11-6-10(b).
- (o) **Recyclable Material.** Material that is suitable for recycling.
- (p) **Scrap Metal Processor.** A fixed location at which machinery and equipment are utilized for the processing and manufacturing of iron, steel or nonferrous metallic scrap into prepared grades and whose principal product is scrap iron, scrap steel, or nonferrous metal scrap for sale for remelting purposes.
- (q) **Solid Waste.** Any garbage, refuse, sludge, ash, paper, wood, metal, glass, cloth, plastic, lumber, concrete, food waste, and other organics, boxes, barrels, and other containers, tires, and other like materials. "Solid waste" means any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility and other discarded or salvageable materials, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous materials resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include solids or dissolved materials in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges that

are point sources subject to permits under Ch. 283, Wis. Stats., or source material, as defined in Secs. 254.31(1), Wis. Stats., special nuclear material as defined in Sec. 254.31(11), Wis. Stats., or byproduct material, as defined in Sec. 254.31(1), Wis. Stats. "Solid waste" includes paper, wood, metal, glass, cloth, plastic, lumber, concrete, food waste, and other organics, boxes, barrels, and other containers, tires and other like materials, debris and junk.

- (r) **Solid Waste Facility.** A facility for solid waste treatment, solid waste storage or solid waste disposal, and includes commercial, industrial, municipal, state and federal establishments or operations such as, without limitation because of enumeration, sanitary landfills, dumps, land disposal sites, incinerators, transfer stations, storage facilities, collection and transportation services and processing, treatment and recovery facilities. This term includes the land where the facility is located. This term does not include a facility for the processing of scrap iron, steel or nonferrous metal using large machines to produce a principal product of scrap metal for sale or use for remelting purposes. This term does not include a facility which uses large machines to sort, grade, compact or bale clean wastepaper, fibers or plastics, not mixed with other solid waste, for sale or use for recycling purposes. This term does not include an auto junk yard or scrap metal salvage yard.
- (s) **City Committee.** A committee or commission established by the Common Council to address and aid in regulation of those uses and activities that may cause public nuisance or public health and safety threats in the City of Owen.
- (t) **Unlicensed or Unregistered.** In reference to motor vehicles, mobile homes, manufactured homes, camper trailers, recreational vehicles, truck bodies, semi-trailers, or trailers, are those that are required for operation in the state, but do not have nor bear required current and valid State of Wisconsin licenses or registration.
- (u) **Vehicle.** Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported. "Vehicle includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
 - (1) **Aircraft** as defined in Sec. 29.001(16), Wis. Stats.
 - (2) **All-Terrain vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats.
 - (3) **Antique vehicles** as described in Sec. 341.265, Wis. Stats.
 - (4) **Automobiles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(4), Wis. Stats.
 - (5) **Boats** as defined in Sec. 29.001(16), Wis. Stats.
 - (6) **Camping trailers** as defined in Sec. 340.01(6m), Wis. Stats.
 - (7) **Farm equipment** as defined in Sec. 100.47(1), Wis. Stats.
 - (8) **Farm tractors** as defined in Sec. 340.01(16), Wis. Stats.
 - (9) **Hobbyist or homemade vehicles** as defined in Sec. 341.268, Wis. Stats.
 - (10) **Junk vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(25j), Wis. Stats.
 - (11) **Implements of husbandry** as defined in Sec. 340.01(24), Wis. Stats.
 - (12) **Manufactured homes** as defined in Sec. 101.91(2), Wis. Stats.
 - (13) **Mobile homes** as defined in Sec. 340.01(29), Wis. Stats.
 - (14) **Mopeds** as defined in Sec. 340.01(29m), Wis. Stats.

- (15) **Motor bicycles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(30), Wis. Stats.
 - (16) **Motor buses** as defined in Sec. 340.01(31), Wis. Stats.
 - (17) **Motor homes** as defined in Sec. 340.01(33m), Wis. Stats.
 - (18) **Motor trucks** as defined in Sec. 340.01(34), Wis. Stats.
 - (19) **Motorcycles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(32), Wis. Stats.
 - (20) **Railroad trains** as defined in Sec. 340.01(48), Wis. Stats.
 - (21) **Recreational vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(48r), Wis. Stats.
 - (22) **Road machinery** as defined in Sec. 340.01(52), Wis. Stats.
 - (23) **Road tractors** as defined in Sec. 340.01(53), Wis. Stats.
 - (24) **Salvage vehicles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(55g), Wis. Stats.
 - (25) **School buses** as defined in Sec. 340.01(56), Wis. Stats.
 - (26) **Semi trailers** as defined in Sec. 340.01(57), Wis. Stats.
 - (27) **Snowmobiles** as defined in Sec. 340.01(58), Wis. Stats.
 - (28) **Special interest vehicles** as defined in Sec. 341.266, Wis. Stats.
 - (29) **Trailers** as defined in Sec. 340.01(71), Wis. Stats.
 - (30) **Truck tractors** as defined in Sec. 340.01(73), Wis. Stats.
 - (31) **Unlicensed demolition motor vehicles, unlicensed racing motor vehicles, and go carts, garden tractors, riding lawn mowers, and other motorized tractors, motorized carts, and motorized utility vehicles** that require no registration or licensure by the State of Wisconsin.
- (v) **Wild Animal.** Any animal of a wild nature that is normally found in the wild and that is not a domestic animal.

Sec. 11-6-3 Public Nuisances Affecting Health or Safety.

No person may create, contrive, erect, maintain, cause, continue, install, construct or permit to exist in the City of Owen a public nuisance associated with, causing, or likely to cause danger, disturbance, or injury to the public health or safety. The following acts, uses, activities, things, occupations, places or physical conditions, not properly and timely removed, after written notice to remove from the Common Council to any owner or occupant of the land where the act, use, activity, thing, occupation, place, or physical condition exists, is located, or occurred or to any person responsible for the creation, maintenance, or providing of the act, use, activity, thing, occupation, place, or physical condition, are specifically declared to be a public nuisance.

- (a) **Noxious Weed Areas.** Pursuant to Sections 8-1-4, 8-1-5 and 8-1-6, any place in the City where noxious weeds conditions are over one (1) foot high, are located on private or public land conditions and are not timely cut or removed within five (5) days after posting or publication of a notice to destroy noxious weeds under Sec. 66.0407, Wis. Stats. and Section 8-1-3 or within five (5) days after receipt of written notice to remove such weeds from the Common Council or designee.

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- (b) **Unburied Animal Carcass Areas.** Any place in the City of Owen where unburied animal carcasses are located on private or public land and are not timely removed or discarded, including timely burial in a sanitary manner, within five (5) days after receipt of written notice to remove such carcasses from the Common Council or designee. This Subsection does not apply to any animal or pet cemetery approved in writing by the City of Owen.
- (c) **Noxious or Polluted or Waste Areas.** Any place in the City where noxious, nauseous, unwholesome, or polluted water and waste are located on private or public land, including City roads, highways, bridges, sidewalks, alleys, or other public lands owned or controlled by the City and these conditions are not timely removed within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the Common Council or designee.
- (d) **Noxious Emission Odor Areas.** Any place in the City where noxious odor, stench, or gas escape or is emitted into the open air from sources located on public or private land, and these conditions are not timely removed or discontinued within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council. "Noxious odor" means an odor that is extremely repulsive to the senses of ordinary persons in the City that seriously annoys or causes serious discomfort or serious injury to the health or causes serious inconvenience to the health or safety of a significant number of persons within the City, as determined by the Common Council.
- (e) **Rat or Vermin Areas.** Any place in the City where rats or other vermin are located or frequent on public or private land, and those conditions are not removed or destroyed within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee.
- (f) **Unauthorized Human Burial Area.** Any place in the City where the body of a deceased person or parts of a deceased person are located and buried on private or public land in the City without written approval of the Common Council and are not timely removed within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council. This Subsection does not apply to any established cemetery or burial site grounds approved, owned and operated in accordance with Ch. 157, Wis. Stats.
- (g) **Hazardous, Toxic or Solid Waste Facility or Site Areas.** Any place or solid waste facility in the City of Owen where the discharge, disposal, storage or treatment of hazardous, toxic, or solid waste occurs on private or public lands without approval and licensing or permitting of the discharge, disposal, storage or treatment by all proper federal, state, county and City governing authorities and full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations or ordinances of the federal, state, county or City, and the activity or condition is not timely removed or discontinued within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council. To constitute a public nuisance under this Subsection, an area, facility or site must threaten or cause serious discomfort or serious injury to the health or cause serious inconvenience to the health or safety of a significant number of persons within the City of Owen, as determined by the Common Council.

- (h) **Dangerous Wild Animal Areas.** Any place in the City of Owen where live dangerous wild animals are kept, sold, or in any manner controlled or possessed on private or public land without written approval of the Common Council and/or in violation of any applicable animal control ordinance in Title 7, Ch. 1 of this Code of Ordinances, and the animals are not removed or destroyed within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from the Common Council unless written approval of the Common Council is obtained within said time. To constitute a dangerous wild animal, under this Subsection, the species of animal must pose a threat to the safety of persons within the City, including a keeper of such animal, as determined by the Common Council. It is not necessary that the Common Council find that a specific animal is dangerous in order to find a nuisance under this Subsection.
- (i) **Improper Sewage Areas.** Any place in the City where effluent from a septic system, sewer, holding tank, cesspool, or other human waste container is located on private or public land and the effluent is not timely removed or properly treated within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee.
- (j) **Dangerous or Dilapidated Building Areas.** Any place in the City where a building or structure, the contents therein, or any associated electrical, heat, water or sewer system located on public or private lands is so old, dilapidated, or out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary, in violation of City ordinances, or otherwise render the building unfit for human habitation are not timely removed or discontinued within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee.
- (k) **Dangerous Tree Areas.** Any place in the City where any trees or the tree's limbs located on private or public lands constitute a dangerous or unsafe condition and these dangerous or unsafe conditions per Title 6, Chapter 4 of the City of Owen Code of Ordinances have not been timely removed within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee.
- (l) **Fire Hazard Areas.** Any place in the City where combustible materials are located and stored on private or public lands and the materials are not timely removed or safely stored within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from the Common Council, Fire Inspector or designee.
- (m) **Improper Encroachment or Discharge Areas.** Any unauthorized or improper encroachments and discharges, including solid waste, trees, limbs, vehicles, structures, equipment, signs, manure, weeds, crops, and other materials on any City roadway or on other City public lands without written permission from the Common Council, and the improper or unauthorized encroachment or discharge is not timely removed or discontinued within thirty (30) days of the receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee.
- (n) **Junked Vehicles, Refuse and Appliances.** Junked, unlicensed, disassembled or inoperable vehicles, refuse and appliances stored outside, in violation of Section 10-5-8, are public nuisances under this Section.
- (o) **Unlicensed or Unregistered Vehicle Area.** Any place in the City where for a period exceeding five (5) days upon private property a not "registered", "unlicensed", or

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"unregistered" vehicle is parked, stored, or otherwise kept outside a building without the written permission of the Common Council or designee that is not timely removed or discontinued within five (5) days of receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council, or designee, unless applicable exemptions apply. In the event of a conflict with the provisions of Section 10-5-8, the more restrictive regulation shall be applicable.

- (p) **Animals at Large.** All animals running at large or otherwise in violation of any provision in Title 7, Chapter 2 of the City of Owen Code of Ordinances.
- (q) **Abandoned Wells.** All abandoned wells not securely covered or secured from public use.
- (r) **Improperly Removed Snow/Ice.** All snow and/or ice not removed from public sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after it has ceased to fall or accumulate thereon in violation of Section 6-2-8.

Sec. 11-6-4 Public Nuisances Offending Morals and Decency.

No person shall create, continue, erect, maintain, cause, continue, install, construct, or permit to exist in the City of Owen a public nuisance associated with, causing or likely to cause danger, disturbance, or injury to public morals or decency. The following acts, uses, activities, things, occupations, places, or physical conditions, not properly and timely removed by the owner or occupant of the land, after written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee to the owner or occupant of the land where the public nuisance occurs or to any person responsible for the creation, maintenance, or permitting of such nuisance in the City of Owen, are specifically declared to be a public nuisance:

- (a) **Improper Establishments.** Pursuant to Sec. 823.09, Wis. Stats., whoever shall erect, establish, continue, maintain, use, occupy, or lease any building or part of building, erection or place to be used for the purpose of lewdness, assignation or prostitution, or permit the same to be used, in the State of Wisconsin, shall be guilty of a nuisance and the building, erection, or place, in or upon which such lewdness, assignation or prostitution is conducted, permitted, carried on, continued or exists, and the furniture, fixtures, musical instrument and contents used therewith for the same purpose are declared a nuisance, and shall be enjoined and abated.
- (b) **Illegal Drug Houses.** Pursuant to Sec. 823.113(1), Wis. Stats., any building or structure that is used to facilitate the delivery, distribution or manufacture, as defined in Sec. 961.01(6), (9) and (13), Wis. Stats., respectively of a controlled substance, as defined in Sec. 961.01(4), Wis. Stats., or a controlled substance analog, as defined in Sec. 961.01(4m), Wis. Stats., and any building or structure where those acts take place, is a public nuisance and may be proceeded against under Sec. 823.113, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Criminal Gang Houses.** Pursuant to Sec. 823.113(1), Wis. Stats., any building or structure that is used as a meeting place of a criminal gang, as defined in Sec. 939.22(9), Wis. Stats., or that is used to facilitate the activities of a criminal gang, is a public nuisance and may be proceeded against under Sec. 823.113, Wis. Stats.

- (d) **Gambling Houses.** Pursuant to Sec. 823.20, Wis. Stats., any gambling place, as defined in Sec. 945.01(4)(a), Wis. Stats., is a public nuisance and may be proceeded against under Ch. 823, Wis. Stats.
- (e) **Illegal Alcohol Houses.** Pursuant to Sec. 125.14(5), Wis. Stats., any building or place where alcohol beverages or alcohol is sold, possessed, stored, brewed, bottled, manufactured or rectified without a valid permit or license issued under this Chapter or Ch. 139, Wis. Stats., or where persons are permitted to drink alcohol beverages in violation of Ch. 125, Wis. Stats., is a public nuisance and may be closed until the activity in violation of Ch. 125, Wis. Stats., is abated. When the activity is abated, the building or place may be used for any lawful purpose.
- (f) **Continuous Violation of City Ordinances.** Any place or premises within the City of Owen where City Ordinances or state laws relating to public health, safety, peace, morals or welfare are openly, continuously, repeatedly and intentionally violated.

Sec. 11-6-5 Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety.

No person shall create, contrive, erect, maintain, cause, continue, install, construct, or permit to exist in the City of Owen a public nuisance associated with, causing or likely to cause, potential danger, disturbance or injury to the public peace and order. The following acts, uses, activities, things, occupations, places, or physical conditions, not properly and timely removed, after written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee to the owner or occupant of the land where the public nuisance occurred or is maintained or to any person responsible for the creation, maintenance, or permitting of such nuisance in the City, are specifically declared to be a public nuisance:

- (a) **Loud Noise Areas.** Any place in the City where any unreasonably loud, discordant and unnecessary sound conditions, including sounds from non-farm animals or from any human created or aided sounds, including alleged music, is located on private or public land, without written approval of the Common Council or its designee and is not timely removed or discontinued within ten (10) days of the written receipt of notice to remove from the Common Council or designee.
- (b) **Disorderly Conduct Area.** Any place in the City where unpermitted, abusive, indecent, profane, or boisterous sounds, unpermitted fighting, brawling, or rioting or other unpermitted disorderly conduct conditions are located or occur on private or public lands and these disorderly conditions have not been timely removed or discontinued within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice to remove from the Common Council or designee.
- (c) **Unauthorized Traffic Signs.** All unauthorized signs, signals, markings or devices placed or maintained upon or in view of any public highway or railway crossing which purport to be or may be mistaken as an official traffic control device, railroad sign or signal or which, because of its color, location, brilliance or manner of operation, interferes with the effectiveness of any such traffic device, sign or signal.

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- (d) **Obstruction of Intersections.** All trees, hedges, billboards or other obstructions which prevent persons driving vehicles on public streets, alleys or highways from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk.
- (e) **Open Excavations.** All open and unguarded pits, wells, excavations or unused basements accessible from any public street, alley or sidewalk.
- (f) **Abandoned Refrigerators.** All abandoned refrigerators or freezers from which the doors and other covers have not been removed or which are not equipped with a device for opening from the inside.
- (g) **Tree Limbs.** All limbs of trees which project over a public sidewalk less than ten (10) feet above the surface thereof and all limbs which project over a public street less than fourteen (14) feet above the surface thereof.
- (h) **Dangerous Trees.** All trees which are a menace to public safety or are the cause of substantial annoyance to the general public.
- (i) **Dilapidated Buildings.** All buildings or structures that are in violation of City ordinances and so old, dilapidated or out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human use.

Sec. 11-6-6 Public Nuisances Regarding Motor Vehicles, Junk, Recreational Equipment or Firewood.

- (a) **Street Yard Parking.**
 - (1) **Purpose.** It is hereby recognized that uncontrolled residential off-street parking, specifically in residential street yards, is a public nuisance. The purpose of this Section is to provide for the regulation of residential off-street parking and to specify the requirements for residential off-street parking as they pertain to the appearance and the health, safety and welfare of the City of Owen.
 - (2) **Definitions.** The definitions of words or phases used herein shall be as defined in Section 13-1-280 of the City of Owen Code of Ordinances, and as defined below.
 - a. **Drive Apron.** The connection between a driveway and the traveled portion of a street, in the public right of way, including any sidewalk area abutting thereon.
 - b. **Driveway.** An improved surface maintained for motor vehicle access and parking. Such surfaces include those located from street entrance to garage or parking area, and those used specifically for circular turnaround or circular through traffic.
 - c. **Improved Surface.** A surface of bituminous or Portland cement concrete or other material, other than grass, such as crushed rock, gravel or other materials, laid over subsoil, which provides a hard driving surface, resists rutting, provides for sufficient water runoff and is graded and drained to dispose of all surface water.
 - d. **Motor Vehicle.** A vehicle as defined in Sec. 340.01, Wis. Stats.

- e. **Parking Pad.** An improved surface which is not a driveway or drive apron, connected to a driveway upon which vehicles are parked.
 - f. **Residential.** Any single-family dwelling or two-family dwelling in any residential district (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 or R-5) or any dwelling formerly single-family or two-family in any district which has been converted to a boarding house or lodging house or other multiple-family dwellings.
- (3) **Parking Standards.** The parking of any motor vehicle upon a residential lot shall be in compliance with the following standards:
- a. **Permitted Parking Area.** The parking of any motor vehicle within the street yard shall be on a driveway or parking pad.
 - b. **Front Yard Parking Pads Restricted.** No parking pad shall be allowed in the street yards except:
 - 1. The Board of Appeals is granted the authority to grant a variance from this requirement in circumstances where sufficient space is neither available in any side yard nor in the rear yard, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Appeals requires, provided, however, that the parking pad be shielded from the street by landscaping, hedges or decorative fencing;
 - 2. In a licensed mobile home park, a parking pad for a maximum of two (2) vehicles shall be allowed in the street yard.
 - c. **Single-Width Driveways.** A single-width driveway running from the street access to a garage or parking pad shall not utilize more than fifteen percent (15%) of any street yard, except for street yards with a street footage width of less than seventy (70) feet, in which case the maximum width for a single driveway shall be eleven (11) feet.
 - d. **Double-Width Driveways.** A double-width driveway running from the street access to a garage or parking pad shall not utilize more than twenty-seven percent (27%) of any street yard; provided, the maximum width of a driveway shall not exceed twenty-four (24) feet in any case and shall not exceed eighteen (18) feet for street yards with a street footage width of less than seventy (70) feet.
 - e. **Triple-Width Driveways.** A triple-width driveway running from the street access to a garage or parking pad shall not utilize more than thirty-three (33%) of any street yard; provided that the maximum width of a driveway shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in any case, and shall not be permitted for street yards with a street footage width of less than eight (80) feet.
 - f. **Circular Driveways.** Circular driveways used for turnaround or through traffic shall not utilize more than thirty percent (30%) of any street yard, and shall not be permitted for street yards with a street footage width of less than eight (80) feet.
 - g. **Setback Areas.** On residential lots, the required street yard setback shall not be considered a part of the permitted parking area but shall be landscaped, except

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that motor vehicle parking shall be permitted in a legal driveway or garage and except that the Board of Appeals is granted the authority to grant a variance from this requirement upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Appeals requires, in circumstances where sufficient space is neither available in any side yard nor in the rear yard.

- (4) **Penalties.** Each and every violation of the provisions of this Section shall constitute a separate offense and each and every day any provision of this Section is violated shall constitute a separate offense for which a forfeiture may be imposed.
- (b) **Storage of Junk Prohibited.**
 - (1) No person shall accumulate, store or allow any junk outside of any building on any public or private property located in the City of Owen.
 - (2) "Junk" means worn out or discarded material of little or no value including, but not limited to, household appliances or parts thereof, machinery and equipment or parts thereof, tires, tools, discarded building materials, or any other unsightly debris, the accumulation of which has an adverse effect upon health, safety or general welfare or which annoys any appreciable number of reasonable persons in the City.
- (c) **Storage of Firewood Regulated.** Violation of Section 13-1-201 shall be considered to be a public nuisance.

Sec. 11-6-7 Abatement of Public Nuisances.

- (a) **Nuisances Prohibited.**
 - (1) **Nuisances Not To Be Maintained.** No person may maintain or permit a public nuisance within the City of Owen.
 - (2) **Criteria.** The Common Council determines that a nuisance is unreasonable activity or use of property that interferes substantially with the comfortable enjoyment of life, health, or safety of another or others. Criteria for a public nuisance are, but not limited to, those grounds listed in Sec. 11-6-2 and as follows:
 - a. The number of people affected;
 - b. The location of the operation or property;
 - c. The degree or character of the injury inflicted or the right impinged upon;
 - d. The reasonableness of the use of the property;
 - e. The nature of the business maintained;
 - f. The proximity of dwellings to the business; and
 - g. The nature of the surrounding or community.
 - (3) **Repeated Offenses.** Repeated violations of a City ordinance or regulation constitutes a public nuisance as a matter of law.
- (b) **Summary Abatement.**
 - (1) **Order; Notice.**
 - a. If the enforcement official of the City determines that a public nuisance exists within the Common Council and that there is imminent danger to public health,

safety, peace, morals, comfort or welfare, the enforcement official, or his/her designee, may, without notice or hearing, issue an order reciting the existence of a public nuisance constituting an imminent danger to the public and requiring that prompt action be taken as such official deems necessary to abate the nuisance. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter, the order shall be effective immediately.

- b. Notice of the order shall be personally served, or delivered by certified mail, by the enforcement official or his/her deputy on the owner and/or occupant of the premises where such nuisance is caused, maintained or permitted; a copy of such notice shall also be posted on the premises. Such order shall direct the person causing, maintaining or permitting such nuisance, or the owner and/or occupant of the premises, to abate or remove such nuisance within a period not less than twenty-four (24) hours or greater than seven (7) days, and shall state that unless such nuisance is so abated, the City will cause the same to be abated and will charge the cost thereof to the owner, occupant and/or person causing, maintaining or permitting the nuisance, as the case may be. Any person to whom such order is directed shall comply with the order immediately.
- (2) **Abatement by City.** Whenever the owner or occupant shall refuse or neglect to remove or abate the condition described in the order, or if the nuisance is not abated within the time period provided, or if the owner, occupant or person causing or maintaining the nuisance cannot be found, the City official having the duty of enforcement shall cause the abatement or removal of such public nuisance. The City shall recover the expenses incurred thereby from the owner and/or occupant of the premises or from the person(s) who has caused or permitted the nuisance.
- (c) **Non-summary Abatement.**
- (1) **Order; Notice.** If the enforcing official determines that a public nuisance exists on private premises but that the nature of such nuisance is not such as to threaten imminent danger to the public health, safety, peace, comfort, morals or welfare, the enforcing official shall issue an order reciting the existence of a public nuisance and requiring the owner and/or occupant of the premises to remove or abate the condition described in the order within the time period specified therein. The order shall be personally served on the owner of the property, as well as the occupant if different from the owner and applicable to the nuisances cited, or, at the option of the enforcing official, the notice may be mailed to the last known address of the person to be served by certified mail with return receipt. If the owner or the occupant cannot be served, the order may be served by posting it on the main entrance of the premises and by publishing as a Class 3 notice under Ch. 985, Wis. Stats. The time limit specified in the order runs from the date of service or publication.
 - (2) **Abatement by City.** If the owner or occupant fails or refuses to comply within the time period described, the enforcement official may cause the nuisance to be removed

or abated and the City shall recover the expenses incurred thereby from the owner and/or occupant of the premises or from the person who has caused or permitted the nuisance.

- (d) **Appeals.** Any person aggrieved by a notice/order of a City enforcement official under Subsections (b) or (c) above issued in connection with any alleged violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of any applicable rules and/or regulations pursuant thereto or by any order requiring repair or demolition may file with the City Clerk-Treasurer a petition setting forth his/her reasons for contesting the notice and/or order. Such petition shall be filed within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the enforcement official's notice. The Common Council shall conduct a hearing on the petition within thirty (30) days after the filing date of the appeal and make a determination on the appeal and the enforcement official's notice and/or order.
- (e) **Alternative Method — Other City Ordinances.** As an alternative curative method, public nuisances may be abated under other City ordinances, including, but not limited to: Section 8-1-2 "Public Safety and Health Hazards/Nuisances Regulated", Section 8-1-8 "Unhealthy, Hazardous or Unsightly Materials on Public or Private Property", Section 8-1-9 "Rodent Control", Section 8-1-14 "Burial of Animal Carcasses", Title 8, Chapter 3 "Recycling", Section 10-5-8 "Junked Vehicles and Appliances on Private Property", Section 11-3-2 "Littering Prohibited", Title 15, Chapter 1 "Building Code", and/or Title 15, Chapter 4 "Property Maintenance Code".
- (f) **Alternative Curative Method – Repair or Razing Order.**
 - (1) **Court Petition.** As an alternative curative method, whenever an owner, operator, or agent of a premise or unit thereof fails, neglects, or refuses to make repairs, raze or remove, make safe by repairs or other corrective action called for, the enforcement official may undertake such repairs or action. If the owner, operator or agent fails to repair or remove a building which is dilapidated or blighted to the extent that such building, dwelling, or structure offends the aesthetic character of the immediate neighborhood or produces blight or deterioration by reason of such conditions, the enforcement official may apply to circuit court for an order determining that such building, dwelling, or structure constitutes a public nuisance and the defect shall be remedied. Every violation of this Code of Ordinances may constitute a public nuisance and may be enjoined and the maintenance thereof may be abated by legal action by the City or citizen thereof.
 - (2) **Razing Orders.** Where a judicial review of a decision of the enforcement official is sought when such order originates under Section 66.0413, Wis. Stats., governing the razing of buildings, the statutory procedures shall be adhered to.
- (g) **Alternative Curative Method – Ch. 823, Wis. Stats., Nuisances.** The provisions of Chapter 823, Wis. Stats., regarding public nuisances specifically addressed by that Chapter are adopted and incorporated herein by reference. At his/her option, if the enforcement official finds that a public nuisance exists, such official may file a written report of such findings with the Common Council, which shall cause an action to abate such nuisance to

be commenced in the name of the City in Clark County Circuit Court in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 823, Wis. Stats. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the abatement of public nuisances by the City of Owen and its officials in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

- (h) **Court Order to Access Property.** Except when necessary under Subsection (b), no enforcement official shall use force to obtain access to private property to abate a public nuisance, but shall request permission to enter upon private property if such premises are occupied and, if such permission is denied, shall apply to any court having jurisdiction for an order assisting the abatement of the public nuisance, or to permit inspection under Section 66.0119, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 11-6-8 Cost of Abatement.

In addition to any other penalty imposed by this Chapter for the erection, contrivance, creation, continuance or maintenance of a public nuisance, the cost of abating a public nuisance by the City shall be collected as a debt from the owner, occupant or person causing, permitting or maintaining the nuisance, such cost shall be assessed against the real estate as a special charge.

Sec. 11-6-9 Enforcement; Penalty.

- (a) **Statutory Authority.** The Common Council of the City of Owen, pursuant to authority granted to local municipalities, hereby incorporates the provisions of Sec. 66.0413 and Ch. 823, Wis. Stats., as the same apply to the abatement of public nuisances.
- (b) **Inspection of Premises.** Whenever complaint is made to the City Clerk-Treasurer that a public nuisance exists within the City of Owen, the City Clerk-Treasurer shall promptly notify the appropriate inspection authority who shall forthwith inspect or cause to be inspected the premises and shall make a written report which shall be submitted to the City Clerk-Treasurer. Whenever practicable, the inspecting officer shall cause photographs to be made of the premises and shall file the same in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.
- (c) **Enforcement.** The Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, Common Council, Fire Inspector, Director of Public Works, Building Inspector, Zoning Administrator and law enforcement authorities shall enforce those provisions of this Chapter that come within the jurisdiction of their offices, and they shall make periodic inspections and inspections upon complaint to insure that such provisions are not violated. No action shall be taken under Section 11-6-6 to abate a public nuisance unless the officer has inspected or caused to be inspected the premises where the nuisance is alleged to exist and is satisfied that a nuisance does, in fact, exist.
- (d) **General Penalty.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-7.

Sec. 11-6-10 Chronic Nuisance Premises.

(a) **Findings and Purpose.**

(1) **Findings.** The Common Council of the City of Owen finds that certain premises receive within the City receive and require more than the general, acceptable level of law enforcement, building inspection, nuisance abatement and public health nuisance abatement services; this places an undue and inappropriate burden on City of Owen taxpayers and constitute public nuisances. Chronic nuisance activity contributes to the general decay of an affected neighborhood and negatively impacts law-abiding residents in these neighborhoods.

(2) **Purpose.**

- a. This Section is enacted to encourage owners, occupants and/or tenants of premises to recognize their responsibility to ensure that activities occurring on their premises conform to the law and do not unduly burden City services. Therefore, the Common Council determines that the City will charge owners of such premises with the cost associated with abating nuisance activity at premises where nuisance activities chronically occur.
- b. This Section does not affect a premises owner's duty to comply with Fair Housing ordinances nor does it affect a premises owner's duty to comply with all other laws governing residential tenancies.

(b) **Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable in this Section:

- (1) **Chronic Nuisance Premises.** A premises that meets any of the following criteria:
 - a. Is a premises which has generated three (3) or more calls for police services that have resulted in an enforcement action for nuisance activities on three (3) separate days within a one hundred twenty (120) day period and/or has generated three (3) or more cases involving the Building Inspector, Zoning Administrator, Weed Commissioner or other property maintenance or health officials from at least three (3) or more inspections within a one (1) year period, with such calls resulting in an enforcement action. Three (3) or more calls for police services resulting in an enforcement action for nuisance activities includes enforcement action taken against any person associated with the premises while at or within two hundred (200) feet of the premises for a nuisance activity; or
 - b. Is a premises for which charges have been filed by the District Attorney for prosecution for the manufacture, distribution or delivery of a controlled substance that has occurred on or in association with the premises; or
 - c. Is a premises which has had one (1) enforcement action associated with the premises resulting from the manufacture, delivery or distribution of a controlled substance(s) as defined in Chapter 961, Wis. Stats.
- (2) **Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice.** The notice issued by the Police Department, Building Inspector, Weed Commissioner, Zoning Administrator or public health officials.

- (3) **Enforcement Action.** Means any of the following: The issuance of a citation for a violation and/or the filing of charges by the District Attorney or the City Attorney for prosecution of nuisance activities, and/or referral of charges by the Building Inspector, Police Department, Weed Commissioner, Zoning Administrator or public health officials to the City Attorney or District Attorney for prosecution for nuisance activities.
- (4) **Nuisance Activities.** Any of the following activities, behaviors or conduct whenever engaged in by the premise's owners, occupants, operators, tenants, or persons associated with a premises:
- a. An act of harassment as defined in Section 11-2-13, or Sec. 947.013, Wis. Stats..
 - b. Disorderly conduct as defined in Section 11-2-8, or Sec. 947.01, Wis. Stats.
 - c. Battery, substantial battery or aggravated battery as defined in Sec.940.19, Wis. Stats.
 - d. Crimes of violence as defined in Ch. 940, Wis. Stats.
 - e. Resisting or obstructing an officer as prohibited by Sections 11-2-10 or 11-2-16, or Sec. 946.41, Wis. Stats.
 - f. Indecent exposure as prohibited by Section 11-1-1 or Sec. 944.20(1)(b), Wis. Stats.
 - g. Damage to property as prohibited by Sections 11-3-1 or 11-3-5, or Sec. 943.01, Wis. Stats.
 - h. The production or creation of noises disturbing the peace, as prohibited by Section 11-2-7.
 - i. Illegal discharge of a firearm or weapon as prohibited by Section 11-2-1.
 - j. Crimes involving illegal possession of firearms as defined in Secs. 941.23, 941.26, 941.28, 941.29 and 948.60, Wis. Stats.
 - k. Unlawful trespass to land or premises as regulated by Section 11-3-8, trespass to land as defined in Sec. 943.13, Wis. Stats., or criminal trespass to a dwelling as defined in Sec. 943.14, Wis. Stats.
 - l. Obstructing a street or sidewalk as prohibited by Section 11-2-5.
 - m. Theft as defined in Sec. 943.20, Wis. Stats.
 - n. Arson as defined in Sec. 943.02, Wis. Stats.
 - o. Prostitution as prohibited by Sec. 944.33, Wis. Stats.
 - p. Soliciting prostitutes as prohibited by Sec. 944.32, Wis. Stats.
 - q. Pandering as prohibited by Sec. 944.33, Wis. Stats.
 - r. Possessing an open container which contains alcohol beverages or consuming alcohol beverages upon any public street as prohibited by Section 11-4-1.
 - s. Selling, offering for sale or giving away of any intoxicating liquors or fermented malt beverages without a license as provided by Sec. 125.04(1), Wis. Stats., or Title 7, Chapter 2 "Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor".
 - t. Possession, manufacture, distribution or delivery of a controlled substance or related offense as defined in Ch. 961, Wis. Stats.

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- u. Maintaining a drug dwelling as defined in Sec. 961.42, Wis. Stats.
 - v. Illegal gambling as defined in Sec. 945.02, Wis. Stats.
 - w. Improperly keeping, owning or harboring a dangerous animal or an animal disturbing the peace as defined in Title 7, Chapter 1 "Licensing of Dogs; Regulation of Animals".
 - x. Violations of property maintenance, refuse storage and housing standards contained in Section 8-1-2 "Public Safety and Health Hazards/Nuisances Regulated", Section 8-1-8 "Unhealthy, Hazardous or Unsightly Materials on Public or Private Property", Section 8-1-9 "Rodent Control", Section 8-1-14 "Burial of Animal Carcasses", Title 8, Chapter 3 "Recycling", Section 10-5-8 "Junked Vehicles and Appliances on Private Property", Section 11-3-2 "Littering Prohibited", Title 11, Chapter 6 "Public Nuisances", Title 15, Chapter 1 "Building Code", and/or Title 15, Chapter 4 "Property Maintenance Code".
- (5) **Person.** Any natural person, agent, association, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or other entity capable of owning, occupying or using property in the City of Owen.
- (6) **Person Associated With.** Any person who, whenever engaged in a nuisance activity, has entered, patronized, visited or attempted to enter, patronize or visit, or waited to enter, patronize or visit a premises or person present on a premises, including without limitation any officer, director, customer, agent, employee, or any independent contractor of a property, person in charge, or owner of a premises.
- (7) **Person in Charge.** Any person, in actual or constructive possession of a premises including, but not limited to, an owner or occupant of premises under his or her ownership or control.
- (8) **Premises.** A place of abode, a residence, a house or multiple-family dwelling unit for one (1) or more persons, including lodging houses, hotels, motels and tourist rooming houses, and associated common areas, yards and parking lots. In the case of multiple dwelling units, "premises", as used in this Section, may consist of any single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one (1) or more persons, including provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.
- (c) **Procedures.**
- (1) **Determination.**
- a. Upon a finding that a premises meets the definition of a chronic nuisance premises, the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector may declare a premises a chronic nuisance premises. The Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector shall provide written notice of his/her determination to the premises owner identified in the City Assessor's records for that premises.
 - b. The Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice shall be deemed delivered if sent by either first class mail to the premises' owner's last known address or delivered in person to the premises owner.

- c. If the premises owner cannot be located, the Notice shall be deemed to be properly delivered if a copy of it is left at the premises owner's usual place of abode in the presence of a competent member of the family at least fourteen (14) years of age, or a competent adult currently residing there and who shall be informed of the contents of the Notice.
 - d. If a current address cannot be located, it shall be deemed sufficient if a copy of the Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice is sent by first class mail to the last known address of the owner as identified by the records of the City Assessor.
- (2) **Contents of Notice.** The Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice shall contain the following information:
- a. Street address, parcel number or a legal description sufficient to identify the premises.
 - b. A concise statement, including a description of the relevant activities supporting the determination that the premises is a chronic nuisance premises.
 - c. A statement that the owner shall immediately notify the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector of any change in address to ensure receipt of future notices.
 - d. A statement that the cost of future enforcement may be assessed as a special charge against the premises.
 - e. A statement by the owner, occupant, operator or tenant of the premises shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice, respond to the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector either with an appeal or to propose a written course of action to abate the nuisance activities. Such statement shall direct the premises owner to schedule a meeting with the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector to discuss the nuisance activity and the premises owner's intent regarding abatement.
 - f. A statement that the premises owner shall, when appropriate, consider and implement alternatives to eviction when formulating an abatement plan.
- (3) **Domestic Abuse Considerations.** Section 968.075, Wis. Stats., broadly defines "domestic abuse". Therefore, in reaching a determination that a premises is a chronic nuisance premises, activities that are "domestic abuse" incidents pursuant to Sec. 968.075, Wis. Stats., shall not be included as nuisance activities unless the incidents have been reviewed by the Chief of Police and the City Attorney and a determination is made that, based upon the specific facts of each incident, the activities should be considered nuisance activities as defined herein. In determining whether to include such activities, the Chief of Police and the City Attorney shall consider the strong public policy in favor of domestic victims reporting alleged abuses, and this Section shall not operate to discourage such reports.
- (4) **Owner Response to Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice.**
- a. If the owner responds to the chronic nuisance premises notice pursuant to Subsection (c)(2) above with a nuisance abatement proposal, the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector may accept, reject or work with

the owner to modify the proposal. The proposed plan may be acceptable if it can reasonably be expected to result in abatement of the nuisance activities described in the Notice within sixty (60) days.

- b. If the premises owner meets with the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector and presents an acceptable abatement plan and initiates action to abate the nuisance activities occurring on the premise, the Police Department, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector may delay further enforcement of this Section, including cost recovery.
- c. If the premises owner ceases to cooperate with the efforts to abate the nuisance activities, the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector will reinstitute enforcement of this Section, and the premises owner will be sent a Change in Status Letter. This Change in Status Letter will document the Police Department's, Zoning Administrator's and/or Building Inspector's efforts to contact and/or obtain cooperation of the owner.
- d. Failure by the premises owner to respond to the Change in Status Letter within ten (10) days as directed in this Subsection shall result in a forfeiture of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), plus court costs and fees.

(5) **Determination.**

- a. Whenever the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector determines that any of the following have occurred, the procedures under Subsection (c)(5)b below shall be followed:
 1. A premises owner has failed to respond to the Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice; or
 2. Enforcement action for an additional nuisance activity has occurred at a premises for which Notice has been issued pursuant to Subsection (c)(2) and this enforcement action has occurred not less than fifteen (15) days after the Chronic Nuisance Premises Notice has been issued; or
 3. A course of action submitted pursuant to Subsection (c)(4) has not been completed.
- b. Pursuant to Subsection (c)(5)a above, the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector may calculate the cost of enforcement to abate this and any subsequent nuisance activities and may refer such cost to the City Clerk-Treasurer so that the cost may be billed to the premises owner. The Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector shall notify the premises owner of the decision to refer the cost of enforcement to the City Clerk-Treasurer. Delivery of this notice, along with a copy of the Chief of Police's, Zoning Administrator's and/or Building Inspector's referral letter to the City Clerk-Treasurer, shall be made as set forth in Subsection (c)(2). The Notice shall contain:
 1. The street address or legal description sufficient for identification of the premises.

2. A statement that the Chief of Police and/or Building Inspector has referred the cost of enforcement to the City Clerk-Treasurer with a concise description of the nuisance activities and the relevant sections of the City of Owen Code of Ordinances.
 3. Notice of the premises owner's right to appeal pursuant to Subsection (c)(7) below.
 - c. Each subsequent incident of enforcement action for nuisance activity shall be deemed a separate violation and costs will continue to be assessed pursuant to this Section until the nuisance is abated.
- (d) **Penalties and Remedies.**
- (1) **Cost Recovery.**
 - a. The Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector shall keep an accurate account of the cost of enforcement and shall report it to the City Clerk-Treasurer. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall establish a reasonable charge for the costs of enforcement of this Section.
 - b. Upon receipt of a Notice from the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector issued pursuant to Subsection (c)(2) above, the City Clerk-Treasurer shall charge any premises owner found to be in violation of this Section the costs of enforcement in full or in part. Such costs shall be billed to the premises owner by invoice sent by first class mail and shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date on the invoice.
 - c. Any unpaid invoice shall be a lien on such premises and may be assessed and collected as a special charge pursuant to Sec. 66.0627, Wis. Stats. A One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) administrative fee shall be added to the cost of enforcement charged to the benefited premises any time the premises is declared a chronic nuisance premises.
 - (2) **Suspension of Cost Recovery.** If after receipt of a billing notice from the City Clerk-Treasurer the premises owner develops an acceptable plan and initiates action to abate nuisance activities occurring on the premises, the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector will suspend further enforcement of this Section. The premises owner is still responsible for any enforcement costs incurred prior to the premises owner submitting an abatement plan, including the administrative fee. If the premises owner ceases to cooperate with the efforts to abate the nuisance activities, the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector will reinstitute enforcement of this Section after sending the premises owner a Change in Status letter.
 - (3) **Forfeiture.** A forfeiture action may be commenced by the City Attorney for each enforcement action for nuisance activity occurring after the premises has been declared a chronic nuisance premises. The forfeiture shall be not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each enforcement action. Upon default of payment, the premises owner may be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than ninety (90) days.

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- (4) **Appeal.** Appeal of a determination of the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector pursuant to either Subsection (c)(1), or the action of the City Clerk-Treasurer imposing special charges pursuant to Subsection (d)(1) against the premises, may be submitted in writing to the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the procedures under Section 13-1-260 through 13-1-264.
- (e) **Eviction or Retaliation Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for a landlord to terminate the lease agreement or periodic tenancy of any tenant or otherwise retaliate against any tenant or members of the tenant's household because that tenant complained or was complained about to the Police Department, Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector about nuisance activities on the landlord's premises. It shall be unlawful for a landlord or any person acting as an agent for the landlord to intimidate or actively discourage a tenant and/or persons associated with a tenant, from calling the Police Department or other City officials to report nuisance activity associated with a premises. It shall be presumed that any attempt to increase charges, reduce services, or to otherwise harass or retaliate against the tenant during the twelve (12) month period following receipt of the complaint by the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector constitutes unlawful retaliation under this Subsection. Such presumption may be rebutted by the preponderance of evidence that the actions by the landlord were based upon good cause. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a tenant's lease agreement or periodic tenancy may be terminated for a failure to pay rent; committing nuisance activity; for the commission of waste upon the premises; violating the terms and conditions of the lease agreement or periodic tenancy or as otherwise provided in Chapter 704, Wis. Stats., and AG 134, Wis. Adm. Code. "Good cause" as used in this Subsection means that a landlord must show good cause for his/her actions, other than one related to or caused by the operation of this Section.
- (f) **Summary Abatement.** The Building Inspector, Zoning Administrator and/or Chief of Police are authorized to cause the abatement, including summary abatement, of any nuisance found on any premises, according to the procedure prescribed in Section 15-4-12. This Section may also be enforced by injunction. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting the abatement of public nuisances by the City in accordance with this Code of Ordinances and state law.
- (g) **When Chronic Nuisance is Deemed Abated.** The public nuisance created by a chronic nuisance premises shall be deemed abated when no enforcement action to address nuisance activities occurs for a period of six (6) consecutive months from the date stated on the Notice declaring the premise a chronic nuisance premise and/or there are no building inspection cases generated for a period of six (6) consecutive months from the date stated on the notice declaring the premise a chronic nuisance premise.

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Sexually Oriented Businesses

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Sec. 11-7-1 Purpose.

- (a) Sexually oriented businesses require special supervision from the public safety agencies of the City of Owen in order to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the City of Owen; and
- (b) The Common Council finds that sexually oriented businesses are frequently used for unlawful sexual activities, including prostitution and sexual liaisons of a casual nature; and
- (c) The concern over sexually transmitted diseases is a legitimate health concern of the Common Council, which demands reasonable regulation of sexually oriented businesses in order to protect the health and well-being of the citizens; and
- (d) There is convincing documented evidence that sexually oriented businesses have a deleterious effect on both the existing businesses around them and the surrounding residential areas adjacent to them, causing increased crime and the downgrading of property values; and
- (e) The Common Council desires to minimize and control these adverse effects and thereby protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry; protect the citizens from increased crime; preserve the quality of life; preserve the property values and character of surrounding neighborhoods and deter the spread of urban blight; and
- (f) The Common Council has determined that locational criteria will assist in the protection of the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City of Owen; and
- (g) It is not the intent of the Common Council to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material, and the Common Council recognizes that state and federal law prohibits the distribution of obscene materials and expects and encourages state law enforcement officials to enforce state obscenity statutes against any such illegal activities in the City of Owen.

Sec. 11-7-2 Statement of Findings and Intent.

- (a) **Intent.** It is the intent of this Chapter to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Owen and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious location and concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the City of Owen. The provisions of this Chapter have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is not the intent nor effect of this Chapter to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market. Neither is it the intent nor effect of this Chapter to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene materials.
- (b) **Findings.** Based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of adult uses on communities stated above, and on findings incorporated in the cases of *City of Erie v. Pap's A.M.*, 120 S.Ct 1382 (2000); *City of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc.*, 475 U.S. 41 (1986); *Young v. American Mini Theatres*, 426 U.S. 50 (1976); and *Barnes V. Glen Theatre, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 560 (1991); *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.*, 478 U.S. 697, (1986); *California v. LaRue*, 409 U.S. 109 (1972); *Iacobucci v. City of Newport, Ky.*, 479 U.S. 92 (1986); *United States v. O'Brien*, 391 U.S. 367 (1968); *Schultz v. City of Cumberland*, Case Nos. 98-4126 and 98-4209 (7th Cir., September 26, 2000) (2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 23773); *DLS, Inc. v. City of Chattanooga*, 107 F.3d 403 (6th Cir. 1997); *Key, Inc. v. Kitsap County*, 793 F.2d 1053 (9th Cir. 1986); *Hang On, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995); *East of the River Enterprises II v. City of Hudson*, 2000 Wisc. App. Lexis 734 (Ct. App. Aug. 1, 2000); and *Urmanski v. Town of Bradley*, 2000 WI App. 141, 613N.W.2d 905 (Ct. App. 2000), as well as studies conducted in other cities, including, but not limited to, Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Houston, Texas; Garden Grove, California; Los Angeles, California; Whittier, California; Austin, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Cleveland, Ohio; and Beaumont, Texas; and findings reported in the "Regulation of Adult Entertainment Establishments in St. Croix County, Wisconsin"; and the "Report of the Attorney General's Workshop of Sexually Oriented Businesses" (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota), the Common Council finds that:
- (1) Crime statistics show that all types of crimes, especially sex-related crimes, occur with more frequency in neighborhoods where sexually oriented businesses are located.
 - (2) Studies of the relationship between sexually oriented businesses and neighborhood property values have found a negative impact on both residential and commercial property values.
 - (3) Sexually oriented businesses may contribute to an increased public health risk through the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.
 - (4) There is an increase in the potential for infiltration by organized crime for the purpose of unlawful conduct.

- (5) The consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a sexually oriented business exacerbates the deleterious secondary effects of such businesses on the community.

Sec. 11-7-3 Definitions.

The following definitions are applicable in this Chapter:

- (a) **Adult Arcade.** Any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five (5) or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."
- (b) **Adult Bookstore or Adult Video Store.** A commercial establishment that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following:
 - (1) Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides, or other visual representations that depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or
 - (2) Instruments, devices, or paraphernalia that are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities".

NOTE: A commercial establishment may have other principal business purposes that do not involve the offering for sale or rental of material depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" and still be categorized as an "adult bookstore" or "adult video store" so long as one of its principal business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials that depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas." A principal business purpose need not be a primary use of an establishment so long as it is a significant use based upon the visible inventory or commercial activity of the establishment.
- (c) **Adult Cabaret.** A nightclub, dance hall, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial establishment that regularly features:
 - (1) Persons who appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity; or
 - (2) Live performances that are characterized by "specified sexual activities"; or
 - (3) Films, motion pictures, videocassettes, slides, or other photographic or computer reproductions or depictions that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "nudity".
- (d) **Adult Motel.** A hotel, motel, or similar commercial establishment which:
 - (1) Offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes,

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- slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; and which may have a sign visible from the public right-of-way which advertises the availability of this adult type of photographic reproductions; or
- (2) Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours; or
 - (3) Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to sub-rent the room for a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours.
- (e) **Adult Motion Picture Theater.** A commercial establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are regularly shown that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas".
 - (f) **Adult Theater.** A theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment that regularly features persons who appear, in person, in a state of nudity and/or semi-nudity, and/or live performances that are characterized by the "exposure of specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities."
 - (g) **Breast.** The female mammary gland.
 - (h) **Buttocks.** The area at the rear of the human body referred to as the gluteus maximus, the fleshy part of the body at the back of the hips upon which a person sits.
 - (i) **Employee.** A person who performs any service on the premises of a sexually oriented business on a full time, part time, contract basis, or independent basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent, or otherwise, and whether or not the said person is paid a salary, wage, or other compensation by the operator of said business. "Employee" does not include a person exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or equipment on the premises, or for the delivery of goods to the premises, nor does "employee" include a person exclusively on the premises as a patron or customer.
 - (j) **Entertainer.**
 - (1) Any person who appears in a state of nudity or semi-nudity in a sexually oriented business; or
 - (2) Any person who engages in live performances that are characterized by "specified sexual activities".
 - (k) **Escort.** A person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion, guide, or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.
 - (l) **Escort Agency.** A person or business association who furnishes, offers to furnish, or advertises to furnish escorts as one of its primary business purposes for a fee, tip, or other consideration.
 - (m) **Establishment.** Includes any of the following:
 - (1) The opening or commencement of any sexually oriented business as a new business;

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- (2) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not a sexually oriented business, to any sexually oriented business;
 - (3) The additions of any sexually oriented business to any other existing sexually oriented business; or
 - (4) The relocation of any sexually oriented business; or
 - (5) A sexually oriented business or premises on which the sexually oriented business is located.
- (n) **Licensed Day Care Center.** A facility licensed by the State of Wisconsin, under Sec. 48.65, Wis. Stats., whether situated within the City or not, that provides care, training, education, custody, treatment or supervision for more than four (4) children under fourteen (14) years of age, where such children are not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner or operator of the facility, for less than twenty-four (24) hours a day, regardless of whether or not the facility is operated for profit or charges for the services it offers.
 - (o) **Nudity or State of Nudity.** The appearance of the human bare anus, anal cleft or cleavage, pubic area, male genitals, female genitals, or the nipple or areola of the female breast, with less than a fully opaque covering; or the showing of the covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.
 - (p) **Operator.** The person on the premises who is responsible for the control and management of the sexually oriented business.
 - (q) **Patron.** A customer on the premises of a sexually oriented business.
 - (r) **Person.** An individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.
 - (s) **Premises.** The real property upon which the sexually oriented business is located, and all appurtenances thereto and buildings thereon, including, but not limited to, the sexually oriented business, the grounds, private walkways, and parking lots and/or parking garages adjacent thereto, under the ownership, control, or supervision of the owner or operator of the business.
 - (t) **Sexual Encounter Center.** A business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:
 - (1) Physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex; or
 - (2) Activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one or more of the persons is in a state of nudity or semi-nudity.
 - (u) **Sexually Oriented Business.** An adult arcade, adult bookstore or adult video store, adult cabaret, adult motel, adult motion picture theater, adult theater, escort agency, or sexual encounter center.
 - (v) **Specified Anatomical Areas.** Less than completely and opaquely covered:
 - (1) Human male genitals in a discernible turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.
 - (2) Less than completely and opaquely covered human anus, anal cleft or cleavage, genitals, pubic region, or the nipple or areola of the female breast.

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- (w) **Specified Sexual Activity** means:
- (1) The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic regions, buttocks, anus, or female breasts, whether covered or uncovered;
 - (2) Sex acts, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, or sodomy;
 - (3) Masturbation, actual or simulated; or
 - (4) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in Subsection (w)(1) through (3) above.

Sec. 11-7-4 Location Restrictions.

Sexually oriented businesses shall not be permitted in any residential district.

- (a) The sexually oriented business may not be operated within (whether the following are located in or outside of the City of Owen):
- (1) Five hundred (500) feet of a church, chapel, synagogue, or regular place of religious worship.
 - (2) Five hundred (500) feet of a school; public or private preschool, elementary, middle or high school; or youth recreational center, or library;
 - (3) Five hundred (500) feet of a licensed day care center, clinic or hospital;
 - (4) Five hundred (500) feet of a public park;
 - (5) Five hundred (500) feet of any property zoned residential.
- (b) A sexually oriented business may not be operated in the same building, structure, or portion thereof, containing another sexually oriented business.
- (c) For the purpose of this Chapter, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the nearest property line or boundary of a property listed in Subsection (a) above.

Sec. 11-7-5 Regulation of Sexually Oriented Businesses.

- (a) **State of Nudity.** It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any person to knowingly and intentionally appear in a state of nudity in a sexually oriented business.
- (b) **Consumption of Alcohol.** The sale, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a sexually oriented business is prohibited.
- (c) **Physical Contact With Entertainers.** No person, employee or patron shall be permitted to have any physical contact with any entertainer on the premises during any performance. All performances shall only occur on a stage or table that is elevated at least eighteen (18) inches above the immediate floor level. To prevent actual physical contact between an entertainer and any other person, employee, or patron, all performances shall not be less

than five (5) feet from any area occupied by any patron, persons, employees and patrons shall not have any physical contact with, and shall not be less than five (5) feet from any entertainer during the payment of a tip or gratuity.

- (d) **Underage Persons On Premises.** It shall be unlawful to allow a person who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age to enter or be on the premises of a sexually oriented business at any time the sexually oriented business is open for business.
- (e) **Duties of Operators.** It shall be the duty of the operator of each sexually oriented business to ensure that an attendant is stationed at each public entrance to the sexually oriented business at all times during such sexually oriented business' regular business hours. It shall be the duty of the attendant to prohibit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age from entering the sexually oriented business. It shall be presumed that an attendant knew a person was under the age of eighteen (18) unless such attendant asked for and was furnished a valid:
 - (1) Operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's driver's license; or
 - (2) Personal identification card issued by the state of residence of the individual seeking entry reflecting that such person is eighteen (18) years of age; or
 - (3) Passport or official identity card issued by the government of the nation of which the individual seeking entry is a citizen.
- (f) **Ordinance Violations.** No person shall cause another to commit a violation of this Chapter, nor shall any person permit such violation to occur on any premises under his/her control, tenancy, management or ownership.
- (g) **Hours of Operation.** No sexually oriented business regulated by this Chapter may remain open between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., except on Saturday and Sunday, when the closing hours shall be between 2:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- (h) **Signs Posted.** All premises governed by this Chapter shall be required to post signs provided by the City of Owen that are visible to patrons, which state:

"By City of Owen Ordinance: The use or consumption of alcoholic beverages on these premises is prohibited. No person shall be permitted to have any physical contact with any entertainer. No person shall be less than five (5) feet from any entertainer, including during the payment of tips. Violators may be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per violation.

- (i) **Doors and Interior Premises.** Each entryway to a sexually oriented business featuring live entertainment shall through use of a vestibule, screening, or double doors, and with window coverings, eliminate any direct line of sight from the exterior of the building to any entertainer on the premises. There shall be no interior entrance to or exit from a sexually oriented business from or into an adjoining premise which is not a sexually oriented

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business. The interior premises of a sexually oriented business shall not be visible by any means from another premise, whether adjoining or separate, which is not a sexually oriented business.

(j) Responsibilities of Owners.

- (1) An operator shall maintain a register of all employees, showing the name and aliases used by the employee, home address, birth date, sex, telephone numbers, and date of employment and termination. The above information on each employee shall be maintained in the register on the premises of a period of three (3) years following termination.
 - (2) The operator shall make the register of employees available immediately for inspection by law enforcement officers upon demand of a member of a law enforcement agency at all reasonable times.
 - (3) Every act or omission by an employee constituting a violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed the act or omission of the operator if such act or omission occurs either with the authorization, knowledge, or approval of the operator, or as a result of the operator's negligent failure to supervise the employee's conduct, and the operator shall be punishable for such act or omission in the same manner as if the operator committed the act or caused the omission.
- (k) No employee of an adult oriented establishment shall allow any minor to loiter around or to frequent an adult oriented establishment or to allow any minor to view sexually-explicit live adult entertainment or materials containing depictions of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas as defined herein.

Sec. 11-7-6 Exemptions.

The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to the following establishments: theaters, performing arts centers, civic centers, and dinner theaters where live dance, ballet, music and dramatic performances of a serious artistic merit are offered on a regular basis; and which the predominant business or attraction is not the offering of entertainment which is intended for the sexual interest or titillation of customers; and where the establishment is not distinguished by an emphasis on or the advertising or promotion of nude or semi-nude performances. While expressive live nudity may occur within these establishments, this Chapter seeks only to minimize and prevent the secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses on the community. Negative secondary effects have not been associated with these establishments.

Sec. 11-7-7 Exposing Minors to Harmful Sexually-Oriented Materials.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to exhibit for a monetary consideration to a minor or knowingly to sell to a minor an admission ticket or pass or knowingly to admit

a minor for a monetary consideration to premises whereon there is exhibited a motion picture, show or other presentation which in whole or in part depicts nudity, or specified sexual activities and which is harmful to minors, unless such minor is accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to sell or loan for monetary consideration to a minor:
 - (1) Any picture, photograph, drawing, sculpture, motion picture film or similar visual representation or image of a person or portion of the human body which depicts specified anatomical areas or shows specified sexual activities and which is harmful to others.
 - (2) Any book, pamphlet, magazine, printed matter however produced, or sound recording which contains any material enumerated in Subsection (b)(1) hereof, or explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of specified sexual activities and which, taken as a whole is harmful to minors.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to admit a minor to any premises whereon there is exhibited nudity or specified sexual activities which is harmful to minors unless such minor is accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian.
- (d) Any person violating this Section shall be subject to the penalty provisions of Section 11-7-53.

