

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 1976
FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
CHILDREN OF THE TOWN OF
POLAND BY ESTABLISHMENT
OF CURFEW HOURS

A LOCAL LAW establishing curfew hours for the protection of children under sixteen (16) years of age in the Town of Poland.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Poland as follows:

Section 1. Title. This law shall be known as the Curfew Law of the Town of Poland.

Section 2. Definitions. The following terms, phrases, words, and their derivatives shall have the meaning given herein:

1. "Child" means any person under the age of sixteen (16) years of either gender.

2. "Parent" means the natural or adoptive parent of a child, and includes the guardian or other person who has the care and custody of a child, and includes both genders.

3. "Curfew" hours shall begin at 10:00 P. M. of one day and end at 6:00 A. M. on the following day.

4. "Public place" shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all streets, sidewalks, alleys, highways, stores, restaurants, or other mercantile or business establishments offering goods or services for sale to the public, town or other governmental buildings or property, churches, property owned or used by fraternal or social organizations or cemeteries in the town.

5. "Town" means Town of Poland.

Through this local law, the use of the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

Section 3. Children in Public Places During Curfew Hours. It shall be unlawful for any child to be in any public place during curfew hours in the town unless accompanied by a parent of such child or unless such child shall bear a newly signed and dated statement by such parent that such child is on an emergency errand.

Section 4. Violations. Any town or other officer who finds any child, unaccompanied by a parent and without the written statement of a parent,

found in a public place in the Town of Poland during curfew hours,

shall warn such child to go immediately to his home, and if after such

warning, such child fails to go home promptly, such officer shall escort

such child to his home.

If any parent shall have been warned in writing by any peace officer or town official that his child has violated this local law, and such

child shall again be found in violation of this curfew law, such parent shall be guilty of a violation of this law and may be fined the sum of

ten dollars (\$10.00) for such first offense, and the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon conviction for each subsequent offense.

In addition to the foregoing, if it appears that after the above

mentioned written warning to a parent, such parent can not prevent such child from further violations of the law, the case of such child and/or parent may be referred to Family Court or other appropriate court for

further action.

Section 5. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect on the

date of filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the

provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.