

Ordinance No. 19.

Regulating Loafers, Vagabonds, Beggars and Petty Offenders

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Wathena:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for anyone without occupation or visible means of support, commonly called a loafer, to remain and loaf at any place upon the streets or sidewalks for a longer time than thirty minutes; or for persons of any class or age to congregate together upon the street or sidewalks, or any place other than their own premises, for the purpose of what is commonly called loafing, whereby they may become an annoyance to other persons of the vicinity, and upon conviction thereof they shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars and costs.

Section 2. That tramps, vagabonds, or perambulating beggars shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars and costs, and may be put to labor at such work as the Marshal, with the advice of the Mayor, may direct until such fine and costs are paid or the Mayor, in his discretion may otherwise determine.

Section 3. That boys under sixteen years of age shall not be allowed on the streets between April first and October first after the hour of nine o'clock P. M., and from October first to April first after the hour of eight o'clock P. M., without the consent of their parents, and then only upon business, and upon arrest and conviction for a violation of this provision, shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars and costs.

Section 4. That any one who shall shoot an air-gun or a nigger-shooter within the city limits shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, thereof shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars and costs.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in pamphlet form.

Passed by the Council September 6, 1898

Approved by the Mayor September 6, 1898

J. F. Harpster, Mayor

Attest: W. T. Stewart, City Clerk