

**ORDINANCE NO: 57****AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE HARBORING OF MINOR RUNAWAYS**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

**57.1 Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Runaway* means an unemancipated person under the age of 18 years who has been reported as a missing person runaway to any law enforcement agency and whose whereabouts is or was unknown to the parents, guardian or legal custodian.

**57.2 Harboring Runaways Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly harbor, allow, board or otherwise permit any runaway in his/her residence or business or other property under his/her control where such person known or should have known the minor to be a runaway from his/her parent, guardian or legal custodian.

**57.3 Assisting Runaways Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly assist; aid or abet a runaway to escape apprehension or flee from his/her parents, guardian, legal custodian or public officials. This includes but is not limited to the following acts:

- a. providing transportation to the runaway;
- b. Providing money, clothing or any other useful instrument to the runaway that would aid the runaway in escape;
- c. Obstructing by providing false or untrue information regarding the location or plan of the runaway;
- d. Refusing to provide information to law enforcement officers when questioned about the runaway, which information was known to them at the time and would assist in the apprehension of the runaway; or
- e. Assisting, aiding or abetting the runaway in any other way for the purpose of hindering law enforcement officers or the parents, guardian or legal custodian of the runaway from learning the whereabouts of the child.

Exception: Section (a) of this Section 57.3 does not apply to persons who harbor runaways by virtue of a placement by the juvenile court intake staff or any court.

**Section 57.4 Penalty.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subjected to forfeiture per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures", together with the costs of prosecution. Any one in default of payment thereof shall be subject to imprisonment in the Wood County Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

**This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.**

**HISTORY**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

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