

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN**  
**CURFEW ORDINANCE**  
**Ordinance 190**

**THE VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1.

It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to be or remain in or on any street, alley, or public place in the Village between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless such minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or other person having legal custody and control of such minor, or unless such minor is in the performance of an errand of duty directed in writing by his parent, guardian or other person having his care or custody, or unless the employment of such minor makes it necessary that he be upon the streets, alleys or public places between such hours, or unless such minor is returning directly home from attending a special entertainment of an instructive or beneficial character, for the attendance at which such minor shall have received permission, in writing, from his parent, guardian, or other person having custody of such minor.

SECTION 2.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 above, it shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of twelve (12) to be or remain in or on any street, alley, or public place in the Village between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless such minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or other person having legal custody and control of such minor.

SECTION 3.

It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having the legal care and custody of any minor to allow such minor to go or to be in or on any of the streets, alleys or public places in the Village in violation of this section.

SECTION 4.

Each member of the police force is hereby authorized to detain without warrant, any minor within his presence violating any provision of Section 1 through 3 of this Ordinance. If such minor has not previously been so detained for violating this Ordinance, the police officer shall remove such minor to his home and place him in the charge of any parent, guardian or other person having the legal custody of such minor, or any other person over the age of eighteen (18) years, being a member of the family of such minor who shall be upon the premises. If no such parent, guardian, person having the custody of such minor or member of the family over eighteen (18) years of age is upon the premises when such minor is returned, the officer shall make disposition as directed by a judge or agent of the county juvenile court.

SECTION 5.

Whenever any minor is detained pursuant to this Ordinance, written notice shall be given to the parent, guardian or other person having legal care or custody of such minor, such notice to be by personal service, or by leaving a copy thereof at his place of residence and informing any person upon the premises of suitable age and understanding of the contents thereof.

PENALTY

- A. Any person, 17 years of age or older; assisting, abetting, allowing, permitting, or encouraging any minor under the age of 17 years to violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$100 and/or 90 days in jail. Each day on which such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- B. Any person who is the parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of a minor who is in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$100 and/or 90 days in jail. Each day on which such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. No. 53, eff. 10/19/81; amended by Ord. No. 149, eff. 12/01/95; amended by Ord. No. 190, eff. 12/22/00).