Ordinance 56-11

16 yrs. under curfew (10:00)
8/16/1950

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BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any child under the age of sixteen (16) years to be or remain in or upon any public highway, playground, park, or other public place, or in any enclosure or vehicle which is on or in close proximity to any such public place, unless such child shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person having the legal care or custody of such child, or unless such child be lawfully employed so as to make it necessary to use public highways during such time for the exclusive use of such employment, provided such child shall have a certificate to that effect signed by the Secretary of Hopewell Township.

SECTION 2. It is hereby made unlawful for any parent, guardian, or the person having the legal care or custody of a child under the age of sixteen (16) years to allow or permit such child to violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Any child as above designated found upon the township streets, alleys, playgrounds, parks, or public places within the township, in violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance, shall be taken into custody by the township police and delivered to his or her parents, guardian, or person having the legal custody of said child, and report thereof made immediately to the Secretary of Hopewell Township, who shall make a record thereof in a book to be kept for that purpose. If said parent, guardian or person having the legal custody of said child shall again allow him or her to be on said streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds, or public places, in violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance, said parent, guardian or person having the legal custody of said child so offending shall, upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Five Dollars (\$5.00), nor less than one Dollar (\$1.00), and the costs of suit; or on failure of the convicted party to pay said fine, to be imprisoned for a period of not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours at the discretion of the said Justice of the Peace, and a like fine or imprisonment shall be imposed on any person aiding or abetting in violation of the intent and purpose of this Ordinance. Any child violating this Ordinance who does not immediately disclose his or her place of residence or if the residence be not in the Township of Hopewell, the police officer shall take such child into custody for questioning and investigation. Any child, whether resident or non-resident of the Township, who shall violate this Ordinance three or more times, shall be reported to the proper juvenile authorities of Beaver County.

SECTION 4. The police officers of the Township in taking children into custody shall use their discretion in determing age, and in doubtful cases may require positive proof, and until such proof is furnished, the officers' judgment shall prevail.

SECTION 5. It is hereby declared that the purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce juvenile delinquendy which now prevails and is growing to an alarming extent, and it is further declared to be the intent of this Ordinance that its provisions shall be liberally construed so as to effectively cure or reduce juvenile delinquency, either on the part of children within the township, or non-resident children coming into the township.

SEDTION 6. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

of August , 1956.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

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ATTEST:

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