

ORDINANCE NO. 2305-04
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND BLANC
To Regulate Loitering

The City of Grand Blanc hereby ordains:

_____ LOITERING PROHIBITED

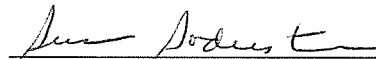
- A. A person commits a violation if he or she loiters or prowls in a place, at a time, or in a manner not usual for law-abiding individuals under circumstances that warrant alarm for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity. Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether alarm is warranted is the fact that the person takes flight upon appearance of a police officer, refuses to identify himself or herself, or manifestly endeavors to conceal himself or herself or any object. Unless flight by the person or other circumstances makes it impractical, a police officer shall, prior to any arrest for an offense under this section, afford the person an opportunity to dispel any alarm which would otherwise be warranted, by requesting the person to identify himself or herself and to explain his or her presence or conduct. No person shall be convicted of an offense under this section if the police officer did not comply with the preceding sentence, or if it appears at trial that the explanation given by the person was true and if it had been believed by the police officer at the time, would have dispelled the alarm. Any police officer may arrest any person suspected of being a loiterer or prowler without a warrant if it reasonably appears the delay in arresting the suspect caused by obtaining a warrant would result in the suspect's escape.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person, after first being warned by a police officer, to loiter, stand, sit, or lie in or upon any public or quasi-public sidewalk, street, curb, crosswalk, walkway area, park, mall or that portion of private property utilized for public use, so as to hinder or obstruct unreasonably the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles thereon. It shall be unlawful for any person to block, obstruct, or prevent free access to the entrance to any building open to the public.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter in or near any thoroughfare or place open to the public for the purpose of inducing, enticing, soliciting, or procuring another to commit an act of prostitution. The circumstances considered in determining whether such action is consistent with the intent to induce, entice, solicit, or procure another to commit an act of prostitution include but are not limited to, the person is a known prostitute or panderer and repeatedly beckons in the attempt to stop or engage male or female passersby in conversation or repeatedly stops or attempts to stop motor vehicles by engaging their operators by hailing, waving of arms, or other bodily gestures. The violator's conduct must be such as to demonstrate a specific intent to induce, entice, solicit, or procure another to commit an act of prostitution. No arrest shall be made for a violation of this division unless the arresting officer first affords the person an opportunity to explain his or her conduct, and no one shall be convicted of

violating this division if it appears at trial that the explanation given was true and consists of a lawful purpose.

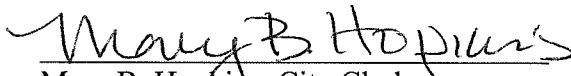
- D. For the purpose of this section, **PUBLIC PLACE** has the following definition unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning: an area generally visible to public view, including streets, sidewalks, bridges, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, parking lots, automobiles (whether moving or not), and buildings open to the general public, including those which serve food or drink or provide entertainment, and the doorways and entrances to buildings or dwellings and the grounds enclosing them.

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the adoption hereof.

This ordinance was adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting on the 14th day of JUNE, 2023.



Susan Soderstrom, Mayor



Mary B. Hopkins, City Clerk