

ORDINANCE NO. 1

HABITUAL TRUANCY ORDINANCE

ASHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Ashland do ordain as follows::

SECTION I: PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this Ordinance is to encourage attendance at school by deterring nonattendance under certain circumstances.

SECTION II: PROHIBITION

- A. A school-age child is prohibited from being a habitual truant.

SECTION III: DEFINITIONS

- A. "Habitual truant" shall mean a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for either of the following:
1. Part or all of 5 or more days out of 10 consecutive days on which school is held during the semester.
 2. Part or all of 10 or more days on which school is held during a school semester.
- B. "Acceptable excuse" shall mean an acceptable excuse as defined in State Statutes 118.15 and 118.16(4), Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION IV: PENALTY

- A. Upon finding that a child is a habitual truant, the Court shall enter an order making one or more of the following disposition(s):
1. Suspend the child's operating privilege, as defined in State 340.01(4), Wisconsin Statutes, for not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days. The judge shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it to the Department of Transportation of the State of Wisconsin, together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.
 2. Order the child to participate in counseling, community service or a supervised work program under Statute 48.34(9), Wis. Statutes.

3. Order the child to remain at home except during the hours in which the child is attending religious worship or a school program, including travel time required to get to and from the school program or place of worship. The order may permit a child to leave his or her home if the child is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
4. Order the child to attend an educational program under Statute 48.34(12), Wis. Statutes.
5. Impose a forfeiture of \$25 as defined in Statute 48.343(2), Wis. Statutes.
6. Revoke the child's work permit.

SECTION V: AUTHORITY

- A. Any Ashland County Law Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue citations under this Ordinance.

SECTION VI: REFERENCE TO STATUTES

- A. References to specific statutory sections wherever used in this ordinance shall mean the Wisconsin Statutes of 1985-86 as from time to time amended, modified, repealed or otherwise altered by the State Legislature.

SECTION VII: SEVERABILITY

- A. If any section or part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION VIII: PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. The County Clerk for Ashland County, Wisconsin shall cause this Ordinance to be published once in the official newspaper of the County. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force September 15, 1989.


 Chairman
 Ashland County Board of Supervisors


 Ashland County Clerk

6-20-89
 Dated Adopted

6-27-89
 Date of Publication

Ordinance No. 06-1989-05

Dated this 20th day of June, 1989.

Signed:

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