

## Chapter 95 - Parental Responsibility

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1. Short Title. This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Parental Responsibility Ordinance".

(Rev. 11-14-1970)

2. Authority. This Chapter is adopted under the authority granted to the City Council of the City of Troy by Act 246 of the Public Acts of 1945 as amended.

(Rev. 03-26-1979)

3. Finding of Necessity. The City Council finds that offenses against the laws of the United States, the statutes of the State of Michigan, and the Ordinances of the City of Troy by minors under the age of Seventeen (17) years are increasing at an alarming rate; that in a great many of the cases a lack of proper supervision and control of the minor child by his parents or guardian is evident; that the increasing problem of criminal offenses by children will not be solved by sanctions imposed upon the children alone but that it is necessary that sanctions be imposed upon parents whose neglect of their duty to properly supervise and control their children is a proximate cause of the delinquency of those children.

(Rev. 03-26-1979)

4. Contributing to Neglect or Delinquency of Children. Any parent, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of a minor child under the age of Seventeen (17) years who shall by any act, or by any word, or by the failure to act, or by lack of supervision and control over said minor child, encourage, contribute toward, cause or tend to cause said minor child to become neglected or delinquent so as to come or tend to come under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Division of the Probate Court as defined in Section 2 of Chapter 12a of Act No. 288 of the Public acts of 1939, as added by Act No. 54 of the Public Acts of the first extra session of 1944, and any amendments thereto, whether or not such child shall in fact be adjudicated a ward of the Probate Court, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Rev. 11-14-1970)

5. Any parent, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of any minor child under the age of Sixteen (16) years who shall assist, aid, abet, allow, permit or encourage said minor to violate the provisions of Section 1 and 2 of Act No. 41 of the Public Acts of 1960, as amended, and as this act is modified by Chapter 91 of the Troy City Code, either by overt act, by failing to act or by lack of supervision and control over said minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. The fact that a child under the age of Sixteen (16) is apprehended while on the public streets, highways, alleys or parks during the hours defined in Act 41 and in Chapter 91 of the Troy City Code, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section on the part of the parents, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of said minor child.

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6. Penalty. Any person found guilty of a misdemeanor under the terms of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or imprisonment in the County Jail for not to exceed Ninety (90) days, or both said fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

(Rev. 11-14-1970)