

Curfew code will be enforced

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With school recently letting out for the summer, Holyoke Police Chief Doug Bergstrom reminds folks of the curfew code.

The curfew code states that:

—No person under 18 years of age shall be or remain on any public street, sidewalk, alley or other public place in town after 10 p.m. or prior to 5 a.m. on Sunday-Thursday of each week or after midnight and prior to 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

—Exceptions to the rule are made when accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, person between 18-21 years of age with written parental authorization or person 21 years of age or older with parental authorization; out 30 minutes before or after employment hours when commuting directly to and from such employment and when carrying an employer's certification of time and place of employment; when conducting an errand directed by the parent or legal guardian; when returning home from events such as movies, theater or sporting events; the person is on the property or sidewalk directly adjacent to a building in which such person resides or to buildings immediately adjacent to the building in which such person resides; and when engaged in religious or scholastic activities.

—A police officer who has probable cause to believe that a child is in violation of this shall take such child into custody and immediately contact the child's parent or guardian. If, after this contact, there is still probable cause to believe that the child was violating the law, the child shall be turned over to the custody of the juvenile authorities until a parent or guardian can take custody of the child.

—A police officer who has probable cause to believe that a child is in violation of the law is hereby authorized to detain and take such child into custody until the parent or guardian of the child shall take him or her into custody; but such officer shall immediately, upon taking custody of the child, contact the child's parent or guardian.

—It is unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having care or custody of any child under the age of 18 years to allow or to permit any such child to be in violation of the curfew

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code. Furthermore, if a child is under the age of 18 years and has been twice convicted of violating the code, it shall be presumed that the parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of said child at the time of the offense allowed or permitted the child to violate the code.

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