

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

DATE: July 13, 2020

BILL NO. 9409

ORDINANCE NO. 7130

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 215.720 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, RELATING TO OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC PLACES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 215.720 of the Municipal Code of the City of University City, Missouri, relating to obstructing public places, is hereby amended, so that Section 215.720, as so amended, shall read as follows:

Section 215.720. Obstructing Public Places.

A. Definition. The following term shall be defined as follows:

PUBLIC PLACE -- Any place to which the general public has access and a right of resort for business, entertainment or other lawful purpose, but does not necessarily mean a place devoted solely to the uses of the public. It shall also include the front or immediate area of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern or other place of business and also public grounds, areas or parks.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand or remain idle either alone or in consort with others in a public place in such manner so as to knowingly and actually:

1. Obstruct any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building by hindering or impeding the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians;
2. Commit in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public highway, public sidewalk, or any other public place or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress, egress and regress, therein, thereon and thereto;
3. Obstruct the entrance to any business establishment, without so doing for some lawful purpose, if contrary to the expressed wish of the owner, lessee, managing agent or person in control or charge of the building or premises.

C. When any person causes or commits any of the conditions in this Section, a Police Officer or any Law Enforcement Officer shall order that person to stop causing or committing such conditions and to move on or disperse. Any person who knowingly fails or refuses to obey such orders shall be guilty of a violation of this Section.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF July 2020.

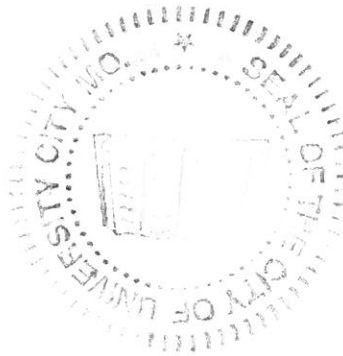


MAYOR

(Seal)

ATTEST: 

CITY CLERK



CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY