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PROMOTING SAFE PUBLIC SPACES

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BROADENING "INDECENT EXPOSURE"

- AMC 8.10.080
- Proposed ordinance generally prohibits exposure of genitals in public
- Resolves enforcement issues with current version

8.10.080 Indecent exposure or exhibition.

A. It is unlawful for any person:

1. To knowingly expose the person's genitals in the presence of another person under 16 years of age with reckless disregard for the offensive, insulting, or frightening effect the act may have.

2. To knowingly expose the person's genitals in the presence of another person over 16 years of age with reckless disregard for the offensive, insulting, or frightening effect the act may have.

3. To knowingly expose the person's genitals in a public place, or a place reasonably exposed to public view. The previous sentence shall not apply to adult-oriented exposition licensed under AMC 10.40.050.



BROADENING “DISORDERLY CONDUCT”

- AMC 8.30.120
- Overview of new prohibitions:
 - Sexual conduct in public
 - Threatening or menacing behavior
 - Spitting or transferring bodily substances onto another
 - Public intoxication



SEXUAL CONDUCT IN PUBLIC

- Currently, municipal code narrowly prohibits only “consensual sexual penetration” in public
- Proposed ordinance would prohibit a broader range of sexual conduct

1. Knowingly engage in:

a. [CONSENSUAL] sexual penetration, as defined in AS 11.81.900(b), in a public place or a place reasonably exposed to public view; or

b. any act described in section 8.50.010E.3.a-d, in a public place. This provision shall not apply to acts committed in a place that is compliant with the requirements for restricted access provided in section 8.50.010D.



3. *Sexual conduct* includes any of the following depicted sexual conduct:

- Any act of sexual intercourse, actual or simulated, including genital-genital, anal-genital, or oral-genital intercourse, whether between human beings or between a human being and an animal.
- Sadomasochistic abuse, meaning flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude or clad in undergarments or in a revealing costume or the condition of being fettered, bound or otherwise physically restricted on the part of one so clothed.
- Masturbation or lewd exhibitions of the genitals including any explicit, close-up representation of human genital organ.



THREATENING OR MENACING BEHAVIOR

- Currently, municipal code prohibits loud noises in public
- Proposed ordinance adds threatening or menacing conduct that unreasonably interferes with others' ability to use the public space

2. Knowingly generate loud noise, or engage in threatening or menacing conduct, in a public place [WITH THE INTENT TO DISTURB OTHERS OR IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF] in a manner that would unreasonably interfere with [THE PEACE AND PRIVACY OF OTHERS] others' lawful use and enjoyment of such public place.



SPITTING OR TRANSFERRING BODILY SUBSTANCES

- Currently, this municipal code section prohibits spitting or transferring bodily substances onto a public servant
- Proposed ordinance prohibits this conduct toward any person (not just a public servant) without their consent

8. Intentionally or knowingly spit on, or otherwise transfer blood, saliva, urine, feces, or vomitus onto [A PUBLIC SERVANT] another person without consent.



PUBLIC INTOXICATION

- Currently, municipal code prohibits consuming alcohol or marijuana in public, but there is no prohibition on being intoxicated in public.
- Proposed ordinance prohibits:
 - Being intoxicated
 - While on a public sidewalk, school property, or in a public park
 - *Plus* either:
 - Interfering with others' reasonable use of the space, OR
 - After refusing an offer of transport from a public safety organization (APD, AFD, Safety Patrol)

9. Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly be upon a public sidewalk, on school property, or in a public park, while intoxicated, in such a manner as to interfere with other individuals' reasonable use or enjoyment of the sidewalk, school property, or park.

10. Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly be upon a public sidewalk, on school property, or in a public park, while intoxicated, after refusing an offer of transport from a public safety organization, including the Anchorage Police Department, Anchorage Fire Department, or Anchorage Safety Patrol.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All are Class B misdemeanors
- Maximum sentence:
 - *Up to 90 days in jail and/or*
 - *Up to \$2,000 fine*
 - *Actual sentencing is at the discretion of the judge*



POSITIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- Closing Legal Gaps
 - **Issue:** *APD previously received calls about conduct that was unsafe and/or inappropriate, but that did not fit clearly into the existing code.*
 - **Impact:** *The changes provide clear legal tools to address conduct that is always inappropriate in public, ensuring that officers have the authority to intervene.*



POSITIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Enhancing Accessibility of Public Spaces**

- **Issue:** *Unsafe or inappropriate conduct (such as menacing behavior or intoxication) prevents the general public from using parks, trails, and sidewalks.*
- **Impact:** *By prohibiting behavior that "unreasonably interferes" with others, the ordinance aims to restore these areas as safe and accessible environments for the entire community.*



POSITIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- Promoting Connection to Services (The “Multi-Pronged Approach”)
 - **Issue:** Criminalization alone does not solve the root cause.
 - **Impact:** The ordinance is designed to be enforced "firmly and humanely." The provision regarding refusing transport specifically encourages a "service-first" approach. Enforcement creates an opportunity to connect individuals in crisis with treatment, shelter, or our Crisis Response Teams rather than simply arresting them, similar to the strategy used for camping enforcement.
 - **Data:** The camping and abatement enforcement strategies recently resulted in hundreds of individuals voluntarily complying or accepting services, moving them into "safer, more stable options".





ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Illegal Fire and Public Camping Dashboard

Month & Year

All

MISSION STATEMENT: Promoting public safety through voluntary compliance – arrests only when necessary.



Fire Ordinance

AO No. 2025-61

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2025

More information about the ordinance can be found [HERE](#).

COMPLIANCE: Violators are arrested due to the severity of fire danger concerns.

ARRESTS

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Camping Ordinance

AO No. 2025-74(S-2)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 2025

More information about the ordinance can be found [HERE](#).

COMPLIANCE: To serve our community in a professional and compassionate manner, officers attempt to provide adequate time notice for campers to voluntarily comply instead of automatic arrests.

ARRESTS

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SUBJECTS COMPLIED
VOLUNTARILY

335

SUBJECTS ACCEPTED
SERVICES

29



INTOXICATION CALLS ONLY

Disposition	Count of Call_No	% of Total
Canceled	4813	38.8%
Cleared or Given Warning	5474	44.1%
Other	21	0.2%
GOA	1893	15.3%
Responded and Cleared with a Report	209	1.7%
Grand Total	12410	

