

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

Bill No. 143-73

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to repeal Section 6-114.1 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 6, "Crimes and Misdemeanors", Subtitle 1, "Generally", and to enact new Section 6-114.1 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, to create and define the criminal offense of loitering, to establish pre-arrest guidelines for notice to persons violating the provisions of this Ordinance, to create penalties for violation thereof, and matters generally related thereto.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, That Section 6-114.1 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 6, "Crimes and Misdemeanors", Subtitle 1, "Generally", be, and it is hereby repealed, and new Section 6-114.1 be, and it is hereby enacted, in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, and to read as follows:

SECTION 6-114.1.

(A) A PERSON IS LOITERING WHEN HE:

(1) REMAINS ON ANY PUBLIC STREET, SIDEWALK OR PATHWAY (INCLUDING THOSE PRIVATELY OWNED BUT USED BY THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL) SO AS TO OBSTRUCT THE FREE PASSAGE OF ANY PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICLE AFTER A REGULAR OR SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER, (EITHER IN UNIFORM OR WHO IDENTIFIES HIMSELF BY CREDENTIALS), HAS NOTIFIED SUCH PERSON THE ACTION IS UNLAWFUL AND HAS REQUESTED HIM TO MOVE ON.

(2) REFUSES OR FAILS TO LEAVE ANY PRIVATE BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT OR PARKING LOT THEREON WHEN THE SAME IS NOT OPEN FOR BUSINESS AFTER HAVING BEEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY A REGULAR OR SPECIAL OFFICER (EITHER IN UNIFORM OR WHO IDENTIFIES HIMSELF BY CREDENTIALS), IF THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUCH AS TO INDICATE TO A REASONABLE MAN THAT SUCH PERSON HAS NO APPARENT LAWFUL BUSINESS OR PURPOSE TO PURSUE AT SUCH PLACE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION BY ANY PERSON WHO:

(I) HAS WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE OWNER, LESSEE OR OPERATOR TO BE PRESENT, OR

(II) IS WINDOW SHOPPING UNDER CONDITIONS AND AT SUCH TIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT WHICH A