

# Ordinance No. 1946

AN ORDINANCE for the preservation of public morality, peace, safety and good order in the City of Seattle, and providing penalties for violations thereof.

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## Council Bill No. 178

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discharge any cannon, gun, pistol, revolver or any fire arm of any description, or fire or explode or set off any squib, fire cracker, torpedo or other thing containing powder, or other explosive material, except on days of public celebration or jubilee, and then only after having first obtained permission so to do from the Mayor of the City of Seattle.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to traduce or threaten to traduce another, or use any language or indulge in any conduct toward another person tending to produce a disturbance of the peace or to challenge another person to fight.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any two, or more, persons to agree to fight or to fight by agreement.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful for any person, who shall keep any house or place of business, to suffer or permit any loud or boisterous noises to be made therein after the hour of ten (10) o'clock p. m., or to suffer or permit therein, at any time, any riotous or disorderly conduct, drunkenness or fighting to the annoyance of the public; and it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any house of public resort wherein the peace, comfort, quietude or decency of the public may be suffered or permitted to be ~~disturbed~~, or to keep any inn, hotel, lodging house, boarding house, bar room or saloon in a disorderly manner.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to be idle or dissolute, or to go about begging, or to use any juggling or other unlawful games or plays, or to be a run away, pilferer, confidence man, common drunkard, common night walker, or to be lewd, wanton or lascivious in speech or behavior, or to be <sup>a</sup> common railer or brawler, or to be habitually neglectful of his employment or calling, or

not to lawfully provide for *himself* or the support of *his* family, or to habitually mispend *his* time by frequenting houses of ill-fame, gaming houses or saloons, or to lodge in or be found in the night time in any outhouse, shed, barn, unoccupied building, car, wagon or vehicle, or in the open air and not give a good account of *himself*.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for any person who is known to be a thief, burglar or pickpocket, either by his own confession or otherwise, or having been convicted of larceny, burglary or other crime against the laws of the state or ordinances of the city, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or in the jail of any city or county, and having no lawful means of support, to be habitually found prowling around any steamboat landing, railroad depot, banking institution, brokers office, place of public amusement, auction room, store, shop or crowded thoroughfare, car or omnibus, or at any public gathering or assemblage, or lounging about any court room, private dwelling house, outhouse or in any house of ill-fame or saloon.

Section 10. It shall be unlawful for any person to habitually idle his time away where intoxicating liquors are sold, or about or in any saloon.

Section 11. It shall be unlawful for any male person to idle his time away in any house of ill-fame or in company with any lewd woman or common prostitute.

Section 12. It shall be unlawful for any person, having no lawful means of support, to be wilfully idle, or to make a practice of soliciting alms, or to be a common drunkard, or to be habitually

drunk upon the streets or in the public places of the city, or to be habitually under the influence of opium or any opiate and loitering in or about the streets or public places of the city, or found in any place or occupying any place to the annoyance of the public.

Section 13. It shall be unlawful for any female person to be a common prostitute, or to habitually practice prostitution and have indiscriminate sexual intercourse with men for hire, and to be commonly known and reputed to be a common prostitute.

Section 14. It shall be unlawful for any male person to habitually associate or openly co-habit with a common prostitute, knowing her to be such and consenting thereto.

Section 15. It shall be unlawful for any person to procure persons of the opposite sex to meet for the purpose of prostitution, or for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse.

Section 16. It shall be unlawful for any woman to loiter in or about saloons or other public places where intoxicating liquors are sold, or otherwise disposed of, or to habitually drink with men in such places, or to solicit men to purchase and drink intoxicating liquors in such places.

Section 17. It shall be unlawful for any person, who has the general reputation of being a drunk roller, or who makes a practice of stealing from or robbing drunken men, to habitually and indiscriminately associate with drunken men.

Section 18. It shall be unlawful for any dissolute woman or

other disreputable person, to be found strolling or loitering about any street, alley, wharf or other public place, or to solicit prostitution upon any of the public streets, alleys, wharfs or other public places, or to solicit any person to visit or enter any house of ill-fame, or bawdy house or any house or place for the purpose of lewdness or prostitution.

Section 19. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, conduct, keep or maintain any bawdy house, house of ill-fame or any place for the practice of prostitution or lewdness, or to knowingly permit any building or place owned by him, or under his control, to be used for that purpose.

Section 20. It shall be unlawful for any person to be an inmate of any bawdy house, house of ill-fame or any place for the practice of prostitution or lewdness, or to in any way contribute to the support thereof or be connected therewith.

Section 21. It shall be unlawful for any person to appear in a state of nudity, or in any indecent or lewd dress, or make any indecent exposure of his person, or to expose his private parts to public view, or be guilty of any lewd act or behavior in any place exposed to public view.

Section 22. It shall be unlawful for any person to habitually play at games of chance for profit.

*Ord. 90712* Section 23. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in gambling, bunco or swindling games, or to operate or have in his possession devices for the purpose of swindling or defrauding others.

Section 24. It shall be unlawful for any person to open,

conduct, maintain or carry on, or be in any manner connected with, any lottery or any establishment or business, by whatever name it may be known, wherein any property is sold or disposed of by chance, or to sell or dispose of any lottery ticket or share, either for religious or secular purposes, or any chance, or any article or thing entitling, or purporting to entitle the purchaser to any chance, or to sell or dispose of any package or article purporting to contain a prize, or where, as an inducement to purchase, it is held out that such article or package may contain a prize or may entitle the purchaser to some article or thing of value not directly contemplated and known in the purchase.

Section 25. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to deal, play at, wager anything of value upon, or in any manner take part in or carry on, or cause to be opened, or to conduct, set up, keep or exhibit any game of fare, monte, roulette, lansquenette, rouge et noir, rondo, poker, draw-poker, keno or E.O., or roulette table or shuffle board, or fan tan, or any gaming table or game whatever for the purpose of gambling, or any game of chance for the purpose of winning or securing money by chance, played with cards, dice or any device of whatever kind or nature, whether or not of the kind or character herein mentioned, for money, checks, credits or any representative of value whatever, or to have in his possession to be used for the purpose of gambling or winning money by chance, any gaming device whatever.

Section 26. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any gambling house, or room or any place where betting is done for the purpose of winning money by chance, or to procure or permit any persons to come together in any house, premises or place occupied or owned by him or under his control, for the purpose of

gaming or winning money or anything of value by chance, or to, for the purpose of gaming, keep or permit in any such house, premises or place any gaming or gambling devices whatever for the purpose of gaming, gambling or winning money or anything of value by chance.

Section 27. It shall be unlawful for any person to print, publish, sell, lend, give away, distribute or show, or have in his possession with intent to sell, give away, distribute, show or advertise, or to offer to lend, give away, sell or distribute, or to design, copy, draw, photograph, print, utter, publish or otherwise prepare, or to write or print, or cause to be written or printed, any notice of any kind giving information, or to give information stating when, where, or how, or of whom or by what means any person can purchase or obtain any obscene or indecent book, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, story paper, printed paper, written paper, picture, engraving, drawing or photograph, or to sell, lend, give away or show, or have in his possession with intent to sell, give away, show, advertise or otherwise offer for loan, gift, sale or distribution, to any minor child, any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper or other printed paper devoted to the publication or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures or stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime, or to exhibit in any place within the view or which may be within view of any minor child, or to hire, use or employ any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or having the care, custody or control of any minor child, permit such child to sell, give away or in any other manner to distribute any book, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, story paper, writing paper, picture, engraving, drawing, photograph or other article or thing coming within the description of articles and matters mentioned in this section, or any of them.

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Section 28. It shall be unlawful for any person to bathe in the waters of Elliott Bay, Lake Union, Lake Washington, Green Lake, or any slough, river or creek, within the limits of the City of Seattle, without being provided with and wearing a suitable bathing dress, which shall at least cover the body from the waist to the knees; and it shall be unlawful for any person to bathe in any of the waters mentioned in this section within one hundred (100) yards of any building used as a dwelling house, without the consent of the occupant thereof.

Section 29. It shall be unlawful for any person, being abroad after eleven o'clock at night, to fail or refuse, upon the demand of any police officer of the City of Seattle, to give the reasons why and the business on which he is abroad, or to give a satisfactory account of himself, or to satisfactorily answer for being abroad, and if any such police officer shall be satisfied that the public good requires it, he shall, (first having explained his official character), arrest and detain such person found abroad after eleven o'clock at night for further examination, the object of this section being to protect the city from burglars, robbers and other criminals

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Section 30. It shall be unlawful for any person to collect in crowds for unlawful purposes, or for any purpose to the annoyance or disturbance of citizens or travelers, and any person who shall be one of any such crowd or congregation, or refuses to separate therefrom when so requested by any police officer of the City of Seattle, or who shall wilfully attract the attention of persons and cause them to congregate for such purposes, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section.

Section 31. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand on a letter in or about the doorway of any building in such a manner as to obstruct ingress or egress to or from such building.

Section 32. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any horse, mule, or any other animal, attached to any vehicle or conveyance in any unenclosed place, without being securely fastened or guarded.

Section 33. It shall be unlawful for any person to either wilfully or by want of care, by any means, frighten any horse, mule or other animal, being at the time attached to any vehicle or in charge of any person.

Section 34. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully and unreasonably strike, beat or wound any domestic animal, or compel or allow it to work, or drive it, or allow it to be driven when overloaded, or sick, or lame or crippled, or with yoke or harness that chafes or galls it, or with check rein or any part of its yoke or harness too tight for its comfort, or at night when it has been six (6) consecutive hours without a full meal, or to otherwise cause any domestic animal pain or discomfort, or to, having the care and custody of any domestic animal, wilfully and unreasonably endanger its health or life by depriving it of, or neglecting to provide it with, food, water, air, light or space fairly sufficient for its needs and comfort; and every police officer of this city shall have authority, and it is hereby made his duty, summarily to relieve any animal which is suffering from violence or constraint contrary to any provision of this ordinance, in all cases which can be readily and summarily relieved by him.

Section 35. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully and cruelly injure or kill any animal by any mode or means causing it unnecessary fright or pain.

Section 36. It shall be unlawful for any person to set on foot,

instigate, promote or carry on, or act as assistant, umpire or principal, or to be a witness of, or to in any manner aid or engage in the furtherance of any fight between cocks or other birds, dogs, bears or other animals.

Section 37. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, use, or be in any way connected with, or interested in the management of, or to receive money for the admission of any person to any house, apartment, tent, building, pit or place kept or used for baiting or fighting of any bird or animal, or being the owner or occupant of any house, apartment, tent, building, pit or place, to wilfully procure or permit the same to be used or occupied for such baiting or fighting.

Section 38. It shall be unlawful for any person to lay out or expose any kind of poison, or to leave exposed any poisoned food or drink for man, animal or fowl, or any substance or fluid whatever whereon or wherein there is or shall be deposited or mingled, any kind of poison or poisonous or deadly substance or fluid whatsoever, on the premises of another, or in any unenclosed place, or to aid or abet any person in so doing.

Section 39. It shall be unlawful for any person to wantonly destroy, cut, remove, deface, mark or write upon, or in any manner injure any window, fence, gate, bridge, dwelling house, engine house, building, hitching post, awning, railing or any other property, public or private, not his own.

Section 40. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully destroy, mutilate, deface or in any manner injure any personal property of any kind or character, public or private, not his own.

Section 41. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface, injure or destroy any street sign, or any sign erected or placed in or adjacent to any street, indicating the name of such street, or any legal notice or lawful signature or advertisement whatever.

Section 42. It shall be unlawful for any person, not an officer or employee of the City of Seattle, to remove, or destroy, or tear down, or deface, either in whole or in part, or to mark or write upon, change, obliterate, or mar, or in any manner alter or change the writing, printing or signature, or any part of such writing, printing or signature, upon any bulletin, notice, poster or paper writing of said city, which shall be by any employee or officer of said city, placed or posted upon the walls or other parts of any public building or public place, or upon any bulletin board or other place of said city, or upon or in any building owned by said city or occupied by it or any of its officers as a public building, or upon any bulletin board on or in any such last mentioned building or buildings.

Section 43. It shall be unlawful for any person to wear any hat, or bonnet or other head covering, within any licensed theatre during the rendition of any programme upon the stage or platform of said theatre, or to fail, neglect or refuse to remove any hat, bonnet or other head covering from the head during the time of the performance in said theatre, or during the rendition of the programme upon the stage or platform thereof; provided, however, that the above inhibition shall not be construed to include skullcaps, lace coverings or other small or closely fitting head dress or covering which does not interfere with or obstruct the view of the stage or platform of such theatre, or of the persons in the rear of such wearers while in such theatre.

Section 44. It shall be unlawful for any person, owning or having the lease, management or control of any licensed theatre, to permit any person during the time of performance in such theatre, or during the rendition of any programme upon the stage or platform thereof, to wear any hat, bennet or covering for the head contrary to the provisions of the preceding section of this ordinance.

*See Ordinance  
No 24447  
re expectoration.*

Section 45. It shall be unlawful for any person to expectorate upon the floor of any street railway car, or other public conveyance, or upon the floor of any public building or on any sidewalk.

Section 46. It shall be unlawful for any person, under the age of thirteen (13) years, to get on, or catch hold of, or to race alongside of, or in front of, or attempt to get on, or catch hold of any street railway car while the same is in motion, and any person employed as gripman, motorman or conductor on any such street railway car is hereby authorized and empowered to make arrests of any such persons violating this section.

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Section 47. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give, furnish, or cause to be furnished to any person under the age of sixteen (16) years, any cigarette, cigar or tobacco in any form, without the written consent of the parents or guardian of such minor.

Section 48. It shall be unlawful for any person to affix to any proposition or petition for an amendment to the City Charter of the City of Seattle, any signature other than the signature in person of an elector duly registered on the registration list used in the general municipal election next preceding the presentation of such proposition or petition.

Section 49. It shall be unlawful for any person, not being

*or a special policeman*  
a member of the police force of the City of Seattle, appointed in accordance with the Charter and ordinances of the city, to represent to any person that he is a policeman, police officer, city detective or other member of the police force of the city, to the fear, annoyance or discomfort of any person.

Section 50. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and wilfully resist, oppose, hinder or delay any member of the police force of the City of Seattle, or any peace officer or deputy in any department of the City Government, in the discharge of any official act or duty, or to neglect or refuse to obey any lawful order or direction of any such peace officer in the discharge of any lawful act or duty.

Section 51. It shall be unlawful for any person to rescue, or attempt to rescue any person from the custody of any member of the police force of the City of Seattle, or from any other person legally having him in charge, or aid, or attempt to aid the escape of any person from any such custody, or from any city prison, or to advise or encourage any such escape, or to supply any person, being in such custody or prison, with any weapon or with any implement or means of escape, or with intoxicating liquor, or with any opium, morphine or other narcotic.

Section 52. It shall be unlawful for any male person, over the age of eighteen (18) years, when requested or called upon by any member of the police force, or by the Mayor, to render aid in making an arrest, or to aid in enforcing the laws and ordinances in force in the city, or to aid in preserving the peace and safety of the city, or to aid in the execution of the official duty of any peace officer, to wilfully refuse or neglect to promptly give such aid.

Section 53. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly

cause or make any false alarm of fire; provided that this section shall not apply to the Chief of the Fire Department when such alarm may be deemed proper for the purpose of discipline of firemen.

Section 54. It shall be unlawful for any person to rudely or mischievously throw anything at, against or upon any house, building, structure, vehicle, car, or any premises or any person to the annoyance of any person.

Section 55. It shall be unlawful for any person to cut, alter, change, remove, disconnect or connect with, or in any manner interfere, meddle or tamper with any water main, pipe, stop-cock, meter, hydrant, pump or conduit, or any gas pipe, main or meter, or any electric wire, cable or conduit owned or used by the City of Seattle, or by any private owner, without the permission or consent of the Board of Public Works or of such private owner.

Section 56. It shall be unlawful for any person, owning, managing or having control of any pool room or billiard room, to allow any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to loiter or play pool or billiards therein.

Section 57. It shall be unlawful for any person to raise or fly any kite in any part of the city devoted to business.

Section 58. It shall be unlawful for any person to tie or fasten any horse or other animal to any tree, or to any post or box placed near or about such tree for the protection thereof, or to post any bill or placard upon any such tree, or any such post or box near or about the same, or climb any such tree, or to cut down, mutilate, girdle, dig up, remove or in any manner whatever injure or destroy any tree upon any private premises, without permission of the owner.

Section 59. It shall be unlawful for any person to pick, pull up or in any manner injure or destroy any flower, foliage, flowering plant, foliage plant or shrubbery in or upon any private property, not the city.

Section 60. The word "person" wherever used in this ordinance shall, when necessary, be held and construed to mean and include natural persons of either sex, associations, co-partnerships and corporations, whether acting by themselves or by servant, agent or employee; the singular number shall, when necessary, be held and construed to include the plural and the masculine pronoun to include the feminine.

Section 61. Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in any sum not exceeding one hundred (100) dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section ~~62~~ This ordinance shall take effect and be in force ~~thereafter~~ from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed the City Council the 20th day of May, 19 07,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 20th day of  
May, 19 07 C. H. BURNETT JR.  
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 23rd day of May, 19 07.  
Wm. HICKMAN MOORE  
Mayor.

Filed by me this 23rd day of May, 19 07.

Attest: H. W. CARROLL  
City Comptroller and Ex-Officio City Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk.

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H. W. CARROLL  
City Comptroller and Ex-Officio City Clerk.

By R. L. WARSON  
Deputy Clerk.