

ORDINANCE 36 - 22

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PUBLIC URINATION IN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, public urination is a nuisance and there are public health and safety issues involved when a person urinates or defecates in public, on any kind of physical property that is not intended for use as a restroom in a building owned or open for public use; or on private property that is not intended for use as a restroom; and

WHEREAS, public urination has been a long-standing problem in the City of Port Clinton; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that enacting legislation preventing public urination in the City of Port Clinton is a common-sense solution to an issue that has been challenging in the City; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to curtail or eliminate public urination in the City of Port Clinton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Public Urination, prohibitions, exceptions, penalty

(a) No person shall urinate or defecate in or on a public street, alley, sidewalk, yard, park, building, structure, plaza, public or utility right-of-way, or other public place, or in any place open to the public or exposed to public view.

(b) This section shall not apply to urination or defecation that is done in any restroom or other facility designed for the sanitary disposal of human waste.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of public urination. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, public urination is a minor misdemeanor.

Section 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in those actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City and for the further reason that it is necessary to enact this Ordinance immediately to curtail or eliminate public urination in the City of Port Clinton; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2022

President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approve _____, 2022

Mayor