SOUTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
CURFEW ORDINANCE 262

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH LEBANON TO ESTABLISH A CURFEW FOR MINORS, REGULATING THE USE OF STREETS DURING NOCTURNAL HOURS AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS SUCH AS REGULATIONS, EXCEPTIONS, PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, POLICE PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE—this Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Curfew Ordinance.

SECTION 2. CURFEW HOURS; COMPLIANCE REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS

No minor under the age of 18 years of age shall be upon the streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, parks or public places in the Township of South Lebanon between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM, prevailing time, unless such minor is accompanied by his parent, guardian or other person having legal care or custody of such minor person, or is going to or returning from a school—sponsored function, or whose legally recognized employment makes it necessary for such minor person to be in or upon such streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, parks or public places between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM.

SECTION 3. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

No parent, guardian or other person having the legal care or custody of any minor child under 18 years of age shall allow or permit such minor to be in or upon any of the streets, highways, alleys, parks or public places of South Lebanon Township between the hours of 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM except as specified herein, or unless reasonable necessity can be shown.

SECTION 4. PROCEDURE UPON VIOLATION

Police officers finding any such minor under the age of 18 years of age in or on any of the streets, highways, alleys, parks or public places of South Lebanon Township in violation of any provisions of this Ordinance between the hours of 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM may issue a citation to the minor under the provisions of this Ordinance and shall issue a written notice and warning to the parent, guardian or other person having legal care or custody of said minor, and after the first written notice, the parent, guardian or other person having legal care or custody of said minor child shall be issued a citation under the provisions of this Ordinance. The minor child shall be released to the parent, guardian, or other person having legal care or custody of said minor child. If the minor is under 10 years of age and if no parent, guardian or other person having legal care or
custody of the minor child can be located, the child may be turned over to the appropriate public social services agency.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES

Any person who violates or permits a violation of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding brought before a district justice under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $25.00 and not more than $300.00, plus costs of prosecution and/or in the case of a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of the minor child, a term of imprisonment in the Lebanon County Correctional Facility for a term not to exceed 48 hours.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective in five (5) days.

ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2002

ATTEST:

Curtis E. Kulp
Secretary

SOUTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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