

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 21,  
ARTICLE XI, OFFENSES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Joliet is a home rule unit under the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois (City) has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have seen fit to regulate offenses that occur on or are directly related to public property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council recognize that, from time to time, the administrative adjudication code and corresponding penalties must be updated to align with current societal events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council recognize that offenses that occur within public property should be regulated in order to promote health, safety, and welfare.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:***

**SECTION 1:** the Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the remainder of this Ordinance are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

**SECTION 2:** That Chapter 21, Article XI, Offenses On Public Property shall be added to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE XI**

Any person committing certain offenses on or directly related to public property may be ordered to leave said property and/or not permitted to return for a certain period of time, subject to the guidelines set forth below.

(a) Definitions.

Public Property for purposes of this section shall include the following:

- (1) Bicentennial Park; 201 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432
- (2) City Square
- (3) Joliet City Hall; 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432

(4) Ottawa Street Parking Deck, 110 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432

(5) Any and all properties otherwise owned by the City of Joliet not listed above.

Ban for purposes of this Section shall mean ordering a person to leave certain public property and/or ordering a person not to return to, or enter upon, certain public property for a specific period of time unless the banned individual is returning to or entering upon certain public property for a specific government purpose.

Applicable violations include the following:

- (1) Disorderly Conduct in violation of Section 21-5;
- (2) Nudity in violation of Section 4-46;
- (3) Vandalism in violation of Section 21-122;
- (4) Gambling in violation of Section 21-20;
- (5) Theft in violation of Section 21-3;
- (6) Criminal Trespass to Property in violation of Sections 21-106, 21-107 or 21-108;
- (7) Assault in violation of Section 21-1;
- (8) Battery in violation of Section 21-2;
- (9) Fighting in violation of Section 21-2.1;
- (10) Possession of Burglary Tools in violation of Section 21-4;
- (11) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in violation of Section 21-14;
- (12) Discharging Firearms in violation of Section 21-6;
- (13) Possession of Fireworks and Firework Novelties in violation of Section 21-15;
- (14) Public Gatherings in violation of Section 25 ½ -1.
- (15) Any City of Joliet Municipal Ordinance Violation or State Statute.

(b) The Joliet Police Chief and his designees are authorized to determine whether a person should be banned for certain conduct pursuant to the ban guidelines described herein.

(c) Ban guidelines: In addition to any penalties otherwise required by this Code for committing a violation, a person may be ordered to leave the public property upon which said violation occurred or was directed in the case of an imminent threat of violence, and/or ordered not to return to, or reenter thereon, as follows:

- a. A first violation of City of Joliet Ordinance or State Statute shall consist of a ban of six (6) months from the specified property, unless the banned individual must enter that property for legitimate government purposes;
- b. A second violation of City of Joliet Ordinance or State Statute shall consist of a ban of twelve (12) months from the specified property, unless the banned individual must enter that property for legitimate government purposes;
- c. A third or subsequent violation of City of Joliet Ordinance or State Statute shall consist of a lifetime ban from that property, unless the banned individual must enter that property for legitimate government purposes.
- d. There will be an immediate lifetime ban of any individual found on City of Joliet property during a time where the individual is presently banned from that same City of Joliet property.

- (d) A ban shall be restricted to the public property upon which the violation occurred.
- (e) Written notice shall be hand delivered or sent to the person's last known address via certified mail, receipt requested, and shall contain the following:
  - a. An order not to return or enter upon the public property;
  - b. A description of the location of the public property subject to the ban;
  - c. Notice that the person shall be subject to arrest for criminal trespass, pursuant to Illinois Criminal Code 720 ILCS 5/21-3 or 720 ILCS 5/21-5 if they violate the order;
  - d. Notice that the person may appeal the written ban decision within ten (10) days of receipt by filing a written request to the City's law department. Said appeal hearing shall be subject to the provisions set out more fully in City of Joliet Municipal Code Chapter 3, Section 14.
- (f) Upon hearing an appeal of a ban decision, the hearing officer shall consider the following:
  - a. The likelihood that the violation occurred, the issuance of a citation for such violation being prima facie evidence of such occurrence;
  - b. The reasonableness of the ban term, based upon the violation; and
  - c. Whether or not reasonable limitations should be placed upon the ban, so as to permit the person's access to public services for the person's health, safety, or welfare.
- (g) A criminal trespass, in violation of Illinois Criminal Code 720 ILCS 5/21-3 or 720 ILCS 5/21-5 shall be committed if any person violates a ban order, and such violation shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by the Illinois Criminal Code for that offense.
- (h) City sponsored or produced events.
  - a. The Joliet Police Chief and his designees are authorized to ban an individual from a city-sponsored or produced event for any violation of state law, the City's ordinances, or the event's posted rules and regulations. For purposes of this subsection (h) only, including the subparts, the ban shall be verbally provided to the person.
  - b. A criminal trespass shall be committed when: any person refuses to leave the event after being given verbal notice of the ban; or, if any person returns to the event after being given verbal notice of the ban. Such violation shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by the Illinois Criminal Code for that offense.
  - c. After verbal notice is given, the person shall be banned only from the clearly delineated area of the event.
  - d. The ban shall last for a single day of that individual event only.

**SECTION 3:** In the event that any provision(s) or portion(s) of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provision(s) or portion(s) of this ordinance that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision(s) or portion(s).

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

**SECTION 5:** This Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity of any portion hereof shall not invalidate the remainder.

**SECTION 6:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

**VOTING YES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT VOTING:** \_\_\_\_\_