

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sit or lie down on a sidewalk or on a blanket, stool, or any other object placed upon a sidewalk between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. in the City of Joliet.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to place or deposit any item of bedding materials or personal possessions, including but not limited to any blanket, bag, package, or container of personal possessions on a sidewalk between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. in the City of Joliet
- (c) It is an affirmative defense to any prosecution under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section that the person is:
  - (1) Sitting or lying down on a sidewalk because of a medical emergency
  - (2) As the result of a disability, utilizing a wheelchair, walker, or similar device to move about the sidewalk
  - (3) Operating or patronizing a commercial establishment or service or governmental function conducted on the sidewalk pursuant to a permit or authorization under the Code of Ordinances or under the laws of the State of Illinois
  - (4) Participating in or attending a parade, festival, performance, rally, demonstration, meeting, or other similar event lawfully conducted on the public street or sidewalk
  - (5) Sitting on a chair or bench located on the sidewalk that is supplied by a government agency or the abutting private property owner
  - (6) Sitting or has placed materials on a sidewalk while waiting for public or private transportation or waiting for access to any building
- (d) Prior to taking any action to enforce the provisions of this Section, any law enforcement officer observing a violation of this Section shall first notify the person engaged in the prohibited conduct that he or she is in violation of this Section. It is an affirmative offense to a prosecution under this Section that any person so notified promptly ceased, within a reasonable time under the circumstances, to engage in the prohibited conduct following such notification.

- (a) No person shall stand or sit upon, or otherwise occupy a center median for any purpose other than to do so temporarily while lawfully crossing any roadway. For the purposes of this Section, "center median" shall mean and refer to that portion of a highway which is painted or raised, and which separates the roadway for traffic in opposite directions.