ORDINANCE NO. 55

Curfew For Minors--Regulations

<u>Definitions</u>. The term "street" shall mean any alley, thoroughfare, pathway, sidewalk or other place of travel open to the public.

The term "highway" shall include any road, lane or other terminal or continuance of any roadway, open to the public.

The term "public place" shall include, but is not limited to, places of amusement and entertainment, public buildings, parks, playgrounds, dance halls, vacant lots or other unsupervised places.

The term "parent or guardian" shall mean the actual parent or legal guardian that has the care, custody or control of such minor.

The hours of time specified in this chapter shall refer to the standard time prevailing in the County of Walla Walla from period to period, whether it be what is commonly accepted as Pacific Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time.

The masculine gender as used in this chapter shall include the feminine gender, and the singular shall include the plural.

Hours--Places--Exceptions. It shall be unlawful for persons under the age of 18 to be upon any street, highway, park, alley, or other public place, between twelve o'clock a.m. (12:00 a.m.) and five o'clock a.m. (5:00 a.m.) on Friday and Saturday nights, and between eleven o'clock p.m. (11:00 p.m.) and five o'clock a.m. (5:00 a.m.) on any other night, except when accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian, or in proceeding directly to or from his work in the regular course of employment, where such employment has been approved by competent authorities under the procedure outlined by statute. If questioned by a law enforcement officer, the burden of proving the right to be upon any street, highway, park, alley or other public place, during the times above specified, shall be upon such minor.

Liability of parents, guardians. It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian as defined herein, wilfully, negligently or knowingly to permit a minor of the ages specified in the above section hereof, who is subject to his custody, to violate any of the provisions hereof.

Unlawful to accompany minors. It shall be unlawful for any person not the parent or guardian as defined herein to accompany, congregate or loiter with any minor on any street, highway, or in any public place in the County of Walla Walla.

Violation--Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided that any person under the age of eighteen years, who shall violate any provisions of this chapter shall be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate and prevailing juvenile laws of the State of Washington pertaining thereto.

Each violation a separate offense. Each violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted this 14th day of October, 1963.

Attest:

County Auditor & Ex-officio Clerk of the Board.