

ORDINANCE NO. 047020

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SIDEWALK AND STREET OBSTRUCTION:  
LOITERING WITHIN THE CITY OF ATHENS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS,  
MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote the safety and well-being of the citizens of the City of Athens, the City Council recognizes the need to regulate sidewalk and street obstruction and loitering within the city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Athens City Council finds it to be in the best it interest of the City of Athens to adopt such a policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Athens, Menard County, Illinois that the following be enacted:

**SIDEWALK AND STREET OBSTRUCTION; LOITERING.**

(A) No persons shall assemble or congregate upon any of the sidewalks or public streets, or stand or sit about the corners of any of the streets or on the sidewalks of the City within the business district, unless detained for some lawful purpose, to the obstruction of the same for a free and convenient passage of persons who are lawfully passing along any of such streets or sidewalks

(B) No person shall loiter about or congregate upon or occupy any of the streets, sidewalks or bridges or any of the comers of any street within the business district of the City, or loiter about or congregate so as to occupy any of the sidewalks in front of any dwelling or place of business, or in front of any place of worship or any place of amusement or entertainment in the business district of the City, providing that such person has no lawful occupation or business at such place.

(C) No person shall loaf or loiter in or about any hall, stairway, vestibule, entrance or passage leading to any public building or room at any time within the business district of the City.

(D) For the purposes of this code, the business district is defined as: Within the area with a western boundary on the west side of the Main Street from the north side of Clinton Alley to the south side of Washington Street; with a

northern boundary on the south side of Washington Street from the west side of Main Street to the east side of West Street; with an eastern boundary on the east side of West Street from the north side of Washington Street to the south side of Jefferson Street; and with a southern boundary on the south side of Jefferson Street from the east side of West Street to the east side of Main Street south to Clinton Alley then west to the west side of Main Street.

(E) VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES:

Any person who violates any terms or provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine, upon conviction, in an amount not less than Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) nor more than Five-Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each separate offense.

(F) This Ordinance is effective beginning immediately upon passage.

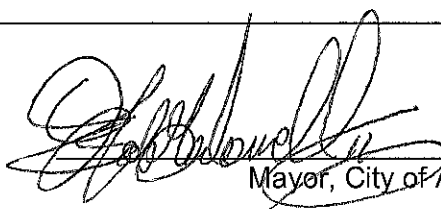
PASSED and APPROVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Athens, Menard County, Illinois this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, A.D.

AYES: Chernovsky, Buhr, Reichert, Nichols, Thompson

NAYES: Ø

PRESENT: Ø

ABSENT: LANTZ

  
Mayor, City of Athens

ATTEST:  
Nicole McCormick  
Temporary Clerk  
City Clerk