

ORDINANCE No. 176

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING VAGRANCY AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUNISHMENT THEREOF.

THE CITY OF WARRENTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. That every person without visible means of living, who has the physical ability to work and who does not for the space of ten days seek employment, nor labor when employment is offered him; every healthy beggar who solicits alms as a business; every idle or dissolute person, or associate of known thieves, who wanders about the streets or highways, at late or unusual hours of the night, or who lodges in any barn, shed or shop, outhouse, vessel, car, or place other than such as is kept for lodging purposes, without the permission of the owner or party entitled to the possession thereof, and every lewd and dissolute person who lives in or about houses of ill fame, and every common prostitute, and every person who conducts himself ^{or herself} in a violent or riotous or disorderly manner, or uses any abusive or obscene language in any street, highway, house or place whereby the peace or quiet of the neighborhood or vicinity may be disturbed, shall be deemed guilty of vagrancy, and upon conviction thereof, before the Auditor and Police Judge, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Dollars nor more than Three Hundred Dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed one hundred days.

Sec. 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Inasmuch as the objects to be obtained by this ordinance will be of great benefit to the people of the City of Warrenton, and there exists and is an urgent necessity that this ordinance should take effect as soon as possible so that the health, peace and safety of the people of the City of Warrenton may be preserved, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance, therefore, shall take effect when approved by two-thirds of the members of the Common Council, and this ordinance shall become operative immediately upon its approval by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton.

Passed the Common Council this 5th day of March 1917.

Approved this 5th day of March 1917.

Attest.

John Evenden
Auditor and Police Judge.

J. M. Hansen
Mayor.