

**CITY OF SHERWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 97-1026**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PENALTY SECTIONS OF SECTIONS 4 AND 17 OF ARTICLE VIII, OF ORDINANCE NO. 641, THE POLICE CODE OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, TO DECRIMINALIZE SAME AND SET CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID SECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Sections 4 and 17 of Ordinance 641 currently prohibit the blocking of sidewalks and harassment of individuals, and

WHEREAS, these offenses are presently Class B and Class C Misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that enforcement would be more expeditious, less costly, and more effective if the City were to treat violations of these sections as civil infractions in municipal court, and not as misdemeanor offenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection 2 of Section 4, Article VIII of Ordinance 641, Sherwood Police code, is amended to read as follows:

“(2) Harassment is a Civil Infraction. Violations of this section, upon conviction, shall be subject to a civil fine of not to exceed \$500.00”.

Section 2. Subsection 2 of Section 17, Article VIII of Ordinance 641, Sherwood Police Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(2) Unlawful use of sidewalks is a civil infraction. Violations of this section, upon conviction, shall be subject to a civil fine of not to exceed \$500.00”.


Section 3. Whereas, there is an immediate need for the protection of the public safety and to protect the public using City sidewalks. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

Duly passed by the City Council
this 10th day of June 1997



Jon Borner, City Manager

Approved by the Mayor this
10th day of June 1997



Ron Tobias, Mayor

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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