ORDINANCE NO. 54

An ordinance prohibiting children under seventeen years of age from loitering or remaining upon the street or other public places of the Village of Farwell after certain hours of the night and to provide a penalty for violation of the provisions hereof.

Section I

That it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of seventeen years to loiter or remain in or upon any streets, alleys, or public places in the Village of Farwell after the hours of 10 o'clock P.M. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of each week, and after the hours of 11 o'clock P.M. on Friday and Saturday of each week, unless such person is accompanied by his parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody and control of such minor or unless such person is in the pursuance of an errand directed by his parents, or guardian or other person having his care or custody, or while the performance of some lawful employment of such minor makes it necessary that said minor be upon said streets, alleys or other public places during the night time after such specific hours.

Section II

It shall hereafter be unlawful for any parents, guardian or other person having the legal care and custody of any minor under the age of seventeen years, to allow, or permit any such child, ward or other person under such age, while in his legal custody, to loiter or remain unaccompanied upon any streets, alleys or other public places in said Village within the time prohibited in Section I of this ordinance, unless there exists a reasonable necessity thereof.

Section III

Each member of the police force, while on duty is hereby authorized to arrest without warrant any person in his presence violating any of the provisions od Section I of this ordinance and detain such person for a reasonable time until complaint can be made, warrant issued and served. Be it further ordained that no child or minor person arrested under the provisions of this ordinance, shall be placed in confinement until the parent of guardian of such child shall have been notified and the parents' wishes or the wishes of such guardian or legal custodian ascertained and the said parents, guardian of legal custodian shall refuse to be held responsible for the observance of said ordinance by said minor person.

Section IV

It shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace or authorized judge, upon the arrest of any child or minor person, where the parents, guardian or legal custodian of such minor person refuse to become responsible for such minor for the violation of the provisions of Section I of this ordinance, to inquire into the facts of said arrest, the conditions and circumstances of such child or minor person, and if it shall appear that such child or minor person, for want of proper parental care, guardianship or control, is growing up in mendicancy or vagrancy, or is incorrigible, to cause the proper proceeding to be had and taken as authorized by the laws of the state for such cases.

Section V

Any person or persons, either the age of seventeen years, or the parents, guardian or legal custodian of such minor violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Section VI

This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after its passage.

I hereby approve the above ordinance Number 54.

Raymond C. Agle, President

I hereby certify that Ordinance Number 54 was published in the Farwell News, a newspaper published and circulated in the Village of Farwell, Michigan, in its issue of November 21, 1968.

John DeForest Village Clerk