

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, REGARDING ESTABLISHING A LOCAL CURFEW FOR JUVENILES; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE SECTIONS 877.20-877.25, FLORIDA STATUTES; AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE 1, DIVISION 1 OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE CHAPTER 20 TO CREATE SECTIONS 20-5 AND 20-6; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 877.20, Florida Statutes, counties in Florida have the option to adopt a local juvenile curfew ordinance by incorporating by reference the provisions of Sections 877.20–877.25, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Commissioners of Palmetto, Florida, (Commissioners) to protect minors in the City of Palmetto from harm and victimization, to promote the safety and well-being of minors in the City of Palmetto, and to reduce the crime and violence committed by minors in the City of Palmetto; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County adopted a local juvenile curfew on November 18, 2025 supported by input from the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office, the School District of Manatee County, other relevant organizations and stakeholders in the community regarding a juvenile curfew ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palmetto Police Department supports a juvenile curfew ordinance in the City of Palmetto to help protect young people from becoming victims of crime and from engaging in risky or unlawful behavior during late-night hours; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement has observed that a significant portion of juvenile-related incidents, including, but not limited to, vandalism, theft, and disorderly conduct, occur late at night when supervision is often lacking; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting a juvenile curfew ordinance with clear curfew hours will better support parents in their efforts to set boundaries, reduce the burden on law enforcement, foster a safer environment for both youth and the broader community, and address rising concerns about juvenile safety and public order, especially in areas where late-night gatherings have led to disturbances or criminal activity; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes, a business impact estimate has been prepared and posted; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting a juvenile curfew ordinance which incorporates by reference the provisions of Sections 877.20–877.25, Florida Statutes, is in the best interest of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City of Palmetto, its citizens, taxpayers, and the business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The above “Whereas” clauses are hereby adopted as findings of fact.

**Section 2. Incorporating by Reference Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes.** The provisions of Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference as the City of Palmetto Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, and shall apply within the City of Palmetto city limits.

**Section 3. Creation of Section 20-5 and Section 20-6 of the Code of Ordinances.** Chapter 20, Article 1, Division 1 is hereby amended to create Section 20-5 as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5. Codification.** Upon becoming effective, the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide for codification of the text changes as provided herein.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any article, clause, section, sentence, provision, or other portion of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining articles, clauses, sections, sentences, provisions, or other portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon execution by the Mayor, or if disapproval occurs, upon reconsideration by the City Commission and the passing of the Ordinance by at least four (4) votes.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED**, by the City Commission, in open session, with a quorum present and voting, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_.

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading and Public Hearings: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, BY  
AND THROUGH THE CITY  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
PALMETTO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DANIEL WEST, MAYOR

ATTEST: James R. Freeman, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Exhibit A

**Chapter 20 – MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES**

**ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL**

**DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY**

Sec. 20-5. Juvenile Curfew Ordinance (Incorporating by reference Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes).

The provisions of Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference as the City of Palmetto Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, and shall apply within the City of Palmetto.

Sec. 20-6. Enforcement of Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

Law enforcement officers of the City of Palmetto Police Department are authorized to enforce the provisions of the City of Palmetto Juvenile Curfew Ordinance consistent with Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes. Violations shall be handled in accordance with the procedures and penalties provided in state law.

~~Secs. 20-5 – 20.8. – Reserved.~~ Secs. 20-7 – 20.8. – Reserved.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 25-60**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING ESTABLISHING A LOCAL CURFEW FOR JUVENILES; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE SECTIONS 877.20-877.25, FLORIDA STATUTES; CREATING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 2-21 OF THE MANATEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 877.20, Florida Statutes, counties in Florida have the option to adopt a local juvenile curfew ordinance by incorporating by reference the provisions of Sections 877.20–877.25, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, (Board) to protect minors in the unincorporated portions of Manatee County from harm and victimization, to promote the safety and well-being of minors in the unincorporated portions of Manatee County, and to reduce the crime and violence committed by minors in the unincorporated portions of Manatee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has solicited and/or received input from the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, the School District of Manatee County, other relevant organizations and stakeholders in the community, and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that a juvenile curfew ordinance is needed in the unincorporated portions of Manatee County to help protect young people from becoming victims of crime and from engaging in risky or unlawful behavior during late-night hours; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement has observed that a significant portion of juvenile-related incidents, including, but not limited to, vandalism, theft, and disorderly conduct, occur late at night when supervision is often lacking; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting a juvenile curfew ordinance with clear curfew hours will better support parents in their efforts to set boundaries, reduce the burden on law enforcement, foster a safer environment for both youth and the broader community, and address rising concerns about juvenile safety and public order, especially in areas where late-night gatherings have led to disturbances or criminal activity; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes, a business impact estimate has been prepared and posted; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting a juvenile curfew ordinance which incorporates by reference the provisions of Sections 877.20–877.25, Florida Statutes, is in the best interest of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the County, its citizens, taxpayers, and the business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida:

Article 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of the Board and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Article 2. Incorporating by Reference Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes. The provisions of Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference as the Manatee County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, and shall apply within the unincorporated areas of Manatee County.

Article 3. Creation of Article I of Chapter 2-21 of the Code of Ordinances. Article I, Chapter 2-21, Sections 2-21-1 and 2-21-2 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances (Code) is hereby created as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

Article 4. Codification. Pursuant to Section 125.68(1), Florida Statutes, the publisher of the County's Code is hereby directed to incorporate the created Article, Chapter, and Sections pursuant to and as set forth in Article 3 and Exhibit A of this Ordinance. The publisher shall not codify any other portions of this Ordinance.

Article 5. Severability. If any article, clause, section, sentence, provision, or other portion of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining articles, clauses, sections, sentences, provisions, or other portions of this Ordinance.

Article 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and filing with the State of Florida Department of State.

**DULY ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, this 18th day of November, 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Exhibit A

**Chapter 2-21**

**Article I. MANATEE COUNTY JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE**

Section 2-21-1. Incorporating by reference Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes.

The provisions of Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference as the Manatee County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, and shall apply within the unincorporated areas of Manatee County.

Section 2-21-2. Enforcement.

Law enforcement officers of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office are authorized to enforce the provisions of the Manatee County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance consistent with Sections 877.20-877.25, Florida Statutes. Violations shall be handled in accordance with the procedures and penalties provided in state law.