

31.13 ABUSIVE USE OF THE TELEPHONE

1. Whoever does any of the following is subject to the penalties in Section 4.
 - a. With intent to frighten, intimidate, threaten, abuse or harass, makes a telephone call and threatens to inflict injury or physical harm to any person or the property of any person.
 - b. With intent to frighten, intimidate, threaten, abuse, harass or offend, telephones another or uses any obscene, or profane language or suggests such.
 - c. Makes or causes the telephone of another repeatedly to ring with intent to harass any person at the called number.
 - d. Makes repeated telephone calls, whether or not conversations ensue, with intent solely to harass any person at the called number.
 - e. Makes a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, without disclosing his or her identity and with intent to abuse, threaten or harass any person at the called number.
 - f. Knowingly permits any telephone number under his or her control to use for any of the purposes prohibited by this section.
2. Any person found guilty of violating this ordinance or any part of this ordinance, shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$500.00. Together with the costs of prosecution and in rueful default of payment of such forfeiture and cost of prosecution, shall be imprisoned in the county jail until said forfeiture is paid, but not exceeding 60 days.
3. Any person, firm, or corporation, violating any of the subsections of this ordinance may stipulate to the guilt or no contest and may pay to the Sheriff or to the Clerk of Court a bond according to a schedule prescribed by the Circuit Court of Door County, which is presently set forth in Section 4. of this ordinance. Such stipulation will make it unnecessary for the subject charged to appear in court, and will act as a basis for the court to enter judgment and order forfeiture of the bond. Forfeitures, penalty assessments, costs and fees shall be disbursed as provided in Wis. Statutes, Section 66.12.
4. Procedure for enforcement of this ordinance:
 - a. Schedule of Deposits. Deposits shall be made in cash, money orders, or certified check to the Clerk of Door County Circuit Court or the Sheriff of Door County who shall provide a receipt therefore. And the amount of the bond schedule is hereto fixed at \$150.00 plus surcharges or such amount that the Circuit Court of Door County hereafter affixes.
 - b. Adoption of this ordinance does not preclude the County Board from adopting any other ordinance or providing for the enforcement of any other law or ordinance relating to the same or other matter. And issuance of a citation hereunder shall not preclude the county or any authorized officer from proceeding under any other ordinance or law or by any other enforcement method to enforce any ordinance, regulation or order.
 - c. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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