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County

City

Town

Village

of SHELDON

Local Law No. 2 of the year 19 96..

A local law known as "Special Curfew for Halloween"
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County

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of Sheldon as follows:

See attached

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SECTION 1. TITLE: This law shall be known as Special Curfew for Halloween in the Town of Sheldon.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE AND FINDING: The Town Board has determined that large numbers of minors have been congregating in areas of the Town after dark causing general disturbances to residents, especially during the period of Halloween. In order to reduce juvenile crime, protect the children of this municipality, and reinforce parental authority, it is necessary that a curfew be established to keep minors out of public areas after dark, during the Halloween period. It is the Intent to ensure a safe, comfortable environment for all citizens within the community regardless of age or social circumstance. Included in the intent is a desire to reduce activities that foster the evolution of criminal activity, create a disturbance or discomfort among Town residents or cause unsafe or dangerous conditions.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION: For the purpose of clarification in this law the term "minor" shall be deemed as anyone under the age of seventeen.

SECTION 4. RESTRICTIONS: It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of seventeen to remain in or upon any public street, highway, vacant lot or other public place between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. from October 20th to November 5th of each year.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTIONS: The aforesaid curfew shall apply, except under the following circumstances:

A. When the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian; or

B. When the minor is on an emergency errand; or

C. When the presence of such minor is required in connection with some legitimate employment, trade, profession or occupation; or

D. When the minor is in a motor vehicle with the consent of his parent or guardian for interstate travel through the Town; or

E. When the minor is returning home by a direct route from and within one (1) hour after the termination of school sponsored activity or an activity of a religious or other civic association.

SECTION 6. VIOLATIONS: Any police officer observing a minor in violation of this law or by verified complaint filed by a citizen, is hereby authorized to issue and serve an appearance ticket for such curfew violation, pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law, to the parent or legal guardian of such minor.

Any violation of any of the provisions of this local law shall constitute an offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$150.00.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY: In the event that any word, phrase or part of this local law shall be declared unconstitutional, the same shall be severed and separated from the remainder of this local law and shall not effect the remainder of said local law which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.