



Bill No. 5031

Ordinance No. _____

INTRODUCED BY
ALDERMEN FINLEY, JUDD, HAUG, GRAY, FLEMING, WEAVER, SIEGEL, LEHMKUHL

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 17-26 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTERFERENCE WITH A FIRST RESPONDER.

WHEREAS, the Revised Statutes of Missouri have been amended to create the offense of interference with a first responder; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that amending the Municipal Code as provided herein to create the city ordinance violation of interference with a first responder which mirrors the state offense is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Chapter 17, Article I is hereby amended to create a new Section 17-26, which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 17 – OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

SEC. 17-26. – INTERFERENCE WITH A FIRST RESPONDER.

- (a) A person commits the offense of interference with a first responder if:
 - (1) The person has received a verbal warning not to approach from a person that they know, or reasonably should know, to be a first responder;
 - (2) The first responder is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty; and
 - (3) The person knowingly and willfully violates the verbal warning and approaches within twenty feet of the first responder with the intent to:
 - (a) Impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform his or her legal duty;
 - (b) Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or
 - (c) Engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which serves no legitimate purpose.
- (b) The offense of interference with a first responder shall constitute an ordinance violation.



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(c) As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Advanced emergency medical technician", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100 RSMo.;
- (2) "Emergency medical technician", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100 RSMo.;
- (3) "Firefighter", any officer or employee of a fire department or fire protection district who is employed for the purpose of fighting fires, but does not include anyone employed in a clerical or other capacity not involving fire-fighting duties;
- (4) "First responder", any law enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or advanced emergency medical technician;
- (5) "Paramedic", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100 RSMo.

(d) This section shall have no impact on an individual's first amendment rights, and shall not restrict the ability to observe or record first responders as provided by law.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage and approval pursuant to law and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Board of Aldermen.

PASSED this 22nd day of September, 2025.

MARK R. STALLMANN, MAYOR

APPROVED this 22nd day of September, 2025.

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ATTEST: _____
ERIC STERMAN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR