

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SEC. 11-4014 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, DEFINING THE CRIME OF "DISTURBING THE PEACE"; TO DECLARE EACH PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND EACH PROVISION OF THE AMENDED AND REENACTED SEC. 11-4014 AS SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Section 11-4014 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted, to hereafter read as follows, to-wit:

**"Sec. 11-4014. Disturbing the peace.**

- (a) The crime of disturbing the peace is the doing of any of the following in such manner as would foreseeably disturb or alarm the public:
- (1) Engaging in a fistic encounter;
  - (2) Addressing any offensive, derisive or annoying words to any other person who is lawfully in any street, or other public place; or call him by any offensive or derisive name, or make any noise or exclamation in his presence and hearing with the intent to deride, offend or annoy him, or to prevent him from pursuing his lawful business, occupation or duty; or
  - (3) Appearing in an intoxicated condition; or
  - (4) Engaging in any act in a violent and tumultuous manner by any three (3) or more persons; or
  - (5) Holding of an unlawful assembly; or
  - (6) Interruption of any lawful assembly; or
  - (7) Intentionally engaging in any act or any utterance, gesture, or display designed to disrupt a funeral, funeral route, or burial of a deceased person during the period beginning one hundred twenty minutes before and ending one hundred twenty minutes after the funeral or burial, within three hundred feet of the funeral or burial.
  - (8)
    - (i) Intentionally blocking, impeding, inhibiting, or in any other manner obstructing or interfering with a funeral route.
    - (ii) Intentionally blocking, impeding, inhibiting, or in any other manner obstructing or interfering, within five hundred feet, with access into or from any building or parking lot of a building in which a funeral or burial is being conducted, or any burial plot or the parking lot of the cemetery in which a funeral or burial is being conducted, during the period beginning one hundred twenty minutes before and ending one hundred twenty minutes after the funeral or burial.
- (b)
  - (1) Whoever commits the crime of disturbing the peace shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both.

- (2) Whoever commits the crime of disturbing the peace as provided for in subsections (a)(7) and (8) of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.
- (c) For purposes of subsections (a)(7) and (a)(8) of this Section:
  - (1) "Funeral" includes a funeral, funeral home viewing, wake, or memorial service.
  - (2) "Funeral route" means the route of ingress or egress from the location of a funeral or burial, including thirty feet from the outer edge of the outside lane of the route."

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that if any provisions, sections or subsections of this ordinance or the amended and reenacted Sec. 11-4014 are held invalid for any cause or reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, or subsections of this ordinance or the amended and reenacted Sec. 11-4014 which can be give effect without the invalid provisions, sections, or subsections, and to this end each of the provisions, sections, and subsections of this ordinance and the amended and reenacted Sec. 11-4014 are hereby declared severable;

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that this amendment shall be effective October 23, 2023.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, passed and adopted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: \_\_\_\_\_

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT VOTING: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2013

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CINDY EMORY, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA