

conducting any lawful business with the owner or operation thereof, or having patronized such business establishments to remain on such premises an unreasonable length of time after having been directed to leave by such owner, operator, OR AN authorized agent ~~or police officer.~~

(b) Commercial Premises

Any business premises operated for profit or ~~any place of amusement or entertainment~~ to which the general public is invited or permitted, including parking lots adjacent to or connected with such premises and sidewalks used by the general public in gaining access to such premises.

8.301—Unlawful Conduct

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter on or about any commercial premises, during ordinary business hours, after having been requested to leave by the owner, operator, OR AN authorized agent of the owner ~~or a police officer.~~

~~(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, without the consent of the owner, operator or authorized agent of the owner or about any commercial premises after such premises have been closed for business purposes after such person has been requested to leave by a police officer.~~

~~(c)~~ (b) It shall be unlawful for a person or group of persons to assemble on a public sidewalk in Howard County and so conduct themselves in such a manner as to unnecessarily interfere with the use of the sidewalk as thoroughfare by the general public, however, nothing herein shall be construed so as to prevent any orderly picketing or other lawful assembly.

8.302—Penalties

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ~~Section~~ SUBTITLE shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, or imprisoned for a term not to exceed ten (10) days, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

8.303—SEVERABILITY.

IF ANY CLAUSE, THE SENTENCE, PART OR PARTS OF THIS TITLE, OR OF ANY SECTION THEREOF SHALL BE HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID SUCH UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OR INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINING PARTS OF THIS TITLE OR OF ANY SECTION THEREOF. THE COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY DECLARES THAT IT WOULD HAVE PASSED THE REMAINING PARTS OF THIS TITLE OR ANY SECTION THEREOF IF IT HAD KNOWN SUCH CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PART OR PARTS OF ANY SECTION THEREOF SHOULD BE DECLARED INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL”.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That this Act shall take effect sixty (60) days after its enactment.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFTY AND WELFARE AND HAVING BEEN PASSED~~