



City of Pittsburgh

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An Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Six, Conduct, Article I, Regulated Rights and Actions, Chapter 602, Panhandling, Section 602.04 Prohibited Conduct" by adding language.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Six, Conduct, Article I, Regulated Rights and Actions, Chapter 602, Panhandling, Section 602.04 Prohibited Conduct" is hereby amended as follows:

602.04 PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

(a)

Particular places. The following places of panhandling are expressly prohibited, at any time and any manner, because of the coercive nature of each:

(1)

Captive audience areas.

a.

Inside or within twenty-five (25) feet of a sidewalk cafe or any outside eating or dining establishment;

b.

At or within twenty-five (25) feet of a line of people waiting to gain admission to a place or vehicle or waiting to purchase an item or admission ticket;

c.

At or within ten (10) feet of a food-dispensing street vendor; or

d.

At or within ten (10) feet of a bus stop.

e.

Within twenty-five (25) feet of the entrance to a place of religious assembly.

(2)

Money accepting or dispensing areas. It shall be unlawful to solicit money or other things of value if the person making the solicitation knows or reasonably should know that the solicitation is occurring within twenty-five (25) feet in any direction of a parking pay station or an automated teller machine, including within twenty-five (25)

feet in any direction of any entrance or exit to a building containing an automated teller machine that is visible from the street.

(b)

Particular manners. The following manners of panhandling are expressly prohibited, at any time and any manner, because of the coercive nature of each:

(1)

Hindrance to traffic.

a.

Panhandling in any manner which serves to intentionally block, obstruct, or interfere with orderly flow of either vehicles or pedestrians is prohibited.

b.

Panhandling in any manner which intentionally and unreasonable causes a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact is prohibited.

c.

Panhandling in any manner that violates traffic regulations for pedestrians or vehicles.

(2)

Aggressive panhandling. Panhandling in an aggressive manner is prohibited. Aggressive panhandling shall be defined as:

a.

Approaching or speaking to a person, or following a person before, during or after panhandling, if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, or damage to or loss of property or otherwise be intimidated into giving money or any other thing of value;

b.

Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person without that person's consent in the course of panhandling; or

c.

Directing violent or threatening gestures toward the subject of the panhandling.