

ORDINANCE NO. 549

VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE IMPOSING CURFEW

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Village Board of Trustees that vandalism, noisemaking and other nuisances have been occurring within the Village during late-night and early-morning hours; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Village Board that many of these nuisances have been caused by minors; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the Village and its residences that a curfew be imposed on those under the age of eighteen (18); and

WHEREAS, Section 11-1-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-5) authorizes municipalities to declare curfews and establish conditions and restrictions thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to be loitering or playing in or upon any street, alley or other public place in the Village at night after 10:00 p.m., unless the person is accompanied by a parent, legally appointed guardian or other person having legal custody of the person, or unless engaged in an occupation or business which the person may lawfully engage in under the statutes of this State.

Section 2: The provisions of Section 1 do not apply:

- (1) When the minor is upon an emergency errand directed by such minor's parent or legally appointed guardian.
- (2) When the minor is returning directly home from a school activity, entertainment, recreational activity or dance.

- (3) When the minor is returning directly home from lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in the places referenced in this ordinance during the proscribed period of time.
- (4) When the minor is attending or traveling directly to or from an activity involving the exercise of First Amendment rights of free speech, freedom of assembly or free exercise of religion.
- (5) When the minor is engaged in interstate travel with the consent of his parent or legally appointed guardian.

Section 3: It shall also be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of a person under 18 years of age to normally permit that person to violate the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4: Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Section 5: Ordinances No. 478, 539 and 543 are hereby repealed.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

AYES	<u>5</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>1</u>

VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE

By: Ralph E. Wilson  
Ralph E. Wilson, President

Attest: Carol S. Howard  
Carol S. Howard, Clerk