

BILL NO. 24-23

ORDINANCE NO. ^{4.676}~~407~~

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III, OFFENSES, CHAPTER 130, OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY, BY ADDING SECTION 3.130.110 ON DANGEROUS DRUGS.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Code to add certain prohibitions on the possession of certain drugs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Title III, Offenses, Chapter 130, Offenses Against Public Peace and Safety, is hereby amended by adding Section 3.130.110, to read as follows:


Section 3.130.110 – Drug Possession.

No person other than a manufacturer of, or a wholesale dealer in drugs, a licensed Pharmacist, a duly registered practicing Physician, a licensed Veterinarian, or a licensed Dentist shall possess any drug or substance included in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act found in RSMo. Chapter 195 within the city, including, but not limited to: cocaine, opium or any of its salts, alkaloids or derivatives, choral, barbiturates, synthetic cannabinoid, any analogue or homologue of a Schedule I controlled substance, or any compound or preparation of any of them, or any amphetamine, desoxyephedrine, methylphenidate, or any salt mixture or optical isomer thereof also having a stimulating effect on the central nervous system.


SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

SECTION 3. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2024.


Tina M. Spallo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kris Keller, City Clerk

First Reading: July 08, 2024

Second Reading: July 08, 2024



Request for Council Action

RES ☐ # City Clerk Only

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Date: 7/1/2024

Department: Police

Meeting Date Requested: 7/8/2024

Public Hearing: Yes ☐ Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: Dangerous Drug Ordinance

Background: As drug crimes in Clay County have steadily increased over the years, the Clay County Prosecutor's Office has had difficulty charging certain drug offenses that would normally require prosecution under State statute. Reasons for this vary, but often times cases are rejected simply due to the relatively small quantity of drugs that would normally be classified as felony controlled substances. Additionally, the production of synthetic drugs has increased and is more prevalent. Without charging in State courts, these cases largely disappear and leave law enforcement without the means to criminally dispose of them. The addition of this City Ordinance on dangerous drugs allows such cases to be properly addressed at a municipal level and provides officers and detectives the ability to properly charge and adjudicate these cases when they fail to meet the thresholds of the County prosecutor for State charges.

Budget Discussion: N/A.

Public/Board/Staff Input: This Ordinance was reviewed and approved by the City Prosecutor and City Attorney. Staff recommends approval and adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor.

Fred Farris
Chief of Police

JM
City Attorney

BB
City Manager