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Ordinance No. 023372

Council Bill No. B 324-17

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 16 of the City Code as it relates to harassment and peace disturbance; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 16-143. Harassment.

(a) A person commits the crime of harassment if, without good cause, that person engages in any act for with the purpose to cause emotional distress to another person. ~~of frightening or disturbing another person, he:~~

- (1) ~~Communicates in writing or by telephone a threat to commit any felony as defined by state or federal law; or~~
- (2) ~~Makes a telephone call or communicates in writing and uses coarse language offensive to one of average sensibility; or~~
- (3) ~~Makes a telephone call anonymously; or~~
- (4) ~~Makes repeated telephone calls.~~
- (b) Harassment is a class A misdemeanor.

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Sec. 16-176.1. Peace disturbance—Generally.

- (a) A person commits the crime of peace disturbance if:

- (1) ~~He~~ That person unreasonably and knowingly disturbs or alarms another person or persons by:
- a. Loud noise; or
 - b. Offensive and indecent language which is likely to produce an immediate violent response from a reasonable recipient; or
 - c. Threatening to commit a felonious act ~~crime~~ against any person under circumstances which is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear that such threat may be carried out; or
 - d. ~~Fighting~~; or
 - e. ~~Creating~~ a noxious and offensive odor.
- (2) ~~He~~ That person is in a public place or on private property of another without consent and purposely causes inconvenience to another person or persons by unreasonably and physically obstructing:
- a. Vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or
 - b. The free ingress or egress to or from a public or private place.
- (3) With the purpose to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, that person engages in fighting or in violent or tumultuous behavior.
- (b) Peace disturbance is a class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 6th day of November, 2017.

ATTEST:

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