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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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City Clerk

  
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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Counselor