

Chapter 5

Offenses by Juveniles

- 9-5-1 Town Jurisdiction Over Persons 14 through 17 Years of Age
- 9-5-2 Enforcement and Penalties

Sec. 9-5-1 Town Jurisdiction Over Persons 14 Through 17 Years Of Age.

- (a) **Adoption of State Statute.** Section 48.17(2), Wis. Stats., is hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this Section as if fully set forth herein.
- (b) **Provisions of Ordinance Applicable to Persons 14 Through 17 Years of Age.** Subject to the provisions and limitations of Sec. 48.17(2), Wis. Stats., complaints alleging a violation of any provision of this Code of Ordinances against persons fourteen (14) through seventeen (17) years of age may be brought on behalf of the Town of Westport and may be prosecuted utilizing the same procedures in such cases as are applicable to adults charged with the same offense.
- (c) **No Incarceration as Penalty.** The Court shall not impose incarceration as a penalty for any person convicted of an offense prosecuted under this Section.
- (d) **Additional Prohibited Acts.** In addition to any other provision of the town of Westport Code of Ordinances, no person age fourteen (14) through seventeen (17) shall own, possess, ingest, buy, sell, trade, use as a beverage, give away or otherwise control any intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverage in violation of Chapter 125, Wis. Stats.
- (e) **Penalty for Violations of Subsection (d).** Any person fourteen (14) through seventeen (17) years of age who shall violate the provisions of Subsection (d) shall be subject to the same penalties as are provided in Section 1-1-6 of these ordinances exclusive of the provisions therein relative to commitment in the County Jail.

Sec. 9-5-2 Enforcement and Penalties.

- (a) **Citation Process.** Juveniles may be cited by the citation process on a form approved by the Town Attorney and shall contain on the reverse side the penalties that the juvenile may receive simultaneously with issuing the citation to the juvenile. A carbon copy will be mailed to the parent or legal guardian.
- (b) **Penalties.** Violations by a person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be punishable according to Sections 48.17(2), 48.343, 48.344 and 48.345 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Nothing in this Section shall prevent the juvenile officer, in his or her discretion, from referring cases directly to the District Attorney's office.