



WaterColor Unaccompanied Minor Curfew Policy Approved 3/6/17

Definitions:

“Minor” as defined by Section 877.21 (3) Florida Statutes is any person under 16 years of age be classified as a minor. For the purposes of this policy, a minor will be defined as any person under 18 years of age.

“Parent” as defined by Section 877.21 (4) Florida Statutes is a person who has legal custody of a minor as a:

- (a) Natural or Adoptive Parent
- (b) Legal guardian
- (c) Person who stands in loco parentis to the minor
- (d) Person who has legal custody of the minor by order of the court

“Remain” as defined by Section 877.21 (6) Florida Statutes means to stay unnecessarily in a particular place.

“Common Area” means any area of cooperative use managed and maintained by WaterColor Community Association.

Policy:

The adoption of a year-round “Unaccompanied Minor Curfew Policy” by WaterColor Community Association to the effect of: A minor may not be or remain in any common area between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless under the direct supervision of a parent.

Rationale:

The primary purpose of adopting the “Unaccompanied Minor Curfew Policy” is to enact the aid of local law enforcement in dispersing minors from the common areas, especially in cases where the peace of the community is being disrupted. Section 877.25, Florida Statutes requires that a local ordinance is adopted for law enforcement to enforce sections 877.20-877.24 Florida Statutes to apply. Currently, law enforcement is only able to aid in the removal of minors that are not residing in WaterColor. Last season (2016) from March to September, WaterColor Security responded to approximately 80 incidents (50+ incident reports and 30+ calls) involving gatherings of minors in common areas between the hours of approximately 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Approximately 40% of incidents occurring at WaterColor are related to minor activity. While every effort is made by WaterColor Security to disperse these gatherings, it is quite difficult to do so because no specific policy can be referred to that prevents their presence; especially when the minors are residing in WaterColor.

Impact Statement:

A significant decrease in the number incidents related to gatherings of minors in common areas and disturbing the peace. A substantial decline in both actual and potential vandalism to common areas i.e. docks, as well as a major reduction in the accumulation of trash in the common areas.