

**CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA  
ORDINANCE NO. 1207**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA WHICH PROHIBITS  
AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY.**

*RECITALS*

WHEREAS, the City of Gordon, Nebraska desires to protect both resident and non-residents from aggressive panhandling within the jurisdiction of the City, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to establish regulations on the practice of panhandling within the City of Gordon;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GORDON,  
NEBRASKA:**

Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-122 of the Ordinances of the City of Gordon, is hereafter enacted to read as follows:

**AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING**

It shall be unlawful for any person(s) to engage in an act of panhandling for the solicitation of money or items of value from another person in an aggressive manner.

A. Panhandling is defined as the solicitation of money or other items of value which shall include, but shall not be limited to, verbal or nonverbal words or acts, or other actions or bodily gestures, conducted for the purpose of obtaining, directly or indirectly, a donation from another person.

B. A person's manner is considered to be aggressive if they are engaged in any of the following:

1. Panhandling a person at an automated teller machine or other cash dispensing location in which the persons involved are 15 feet or closer to each other;

2. There is repeated panhandling requests after a person has refused, ignored or declined the request from the panhandler;

3. There is repeated panhandling requests when the person being solicited is stationary, in a line, or stopped in traffic;

4. When the person being solicited is touched without consent, prior to, during, or after the panhandling request;

5. Any panhandling on private property without permission from the owner;

6. Any panhandling while blocking the path of the person being solicited or blocking the entrance to any building or vehicle; or

7. Following behind, alongside, or ahead of the person solicited after the panhandling solicitation has been refused, ignored or declined.

C. Any person who shall violate or refuse to comply with the enforcement of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced to a fine of \$500.00.

This ordinance shall become effective on the date passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA

/s/ Kelly Grant  
KELLY GRANT, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Buchan  
Kim Buchan, City Clerk

Motion by Evans, seconded by Dehart to waive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Ordinance 1207. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Dehart.

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Bounous to pass Ordinance 1207. Ayes: Dehart, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.