

ORDINANCE NO. 1233

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION 9.80 TO THE SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING EXPOSING MINOR CHILDREN TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the exposure of minor children to domestic violence results in emotional and developmental difficulties, including aggressive behavior, hypervigilance, sleep disturbances and others; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie found it to be in the best interest of the residents of the City to protect minor children from the effects of domestic violence,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Snoqualmie Municipal Code Section 9.80 Adopted. Section 9.80 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby adopted to read as follows:

9.80 Exposing minor children to domestic violence.

(a) A person commits the crime of exposing minor children to domestic violence when he or she:

(i) Commits a crime of domestic violence, as defined in RCW 10.99.020; and

(ii) The crime is committed in the immediate presence of, or is witnessed or heard by, the person's or the victim's minor child, minor stepchild, or a minor child residing within the household of the person or victim.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "minor" shall mean under eighteen years of age.

(c) Exposing minor children to domestic violence is a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction, the person shall be punished as set forth in SMC 9.82.020(C). Any person convicted of this crime shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than 30 days. If the person is sentenced to less than the maximum statutory sentence, the court shall place the defendant on probation and the court shall impose conditions of probation that include attendance at a certified domestic violence perpetrator treatment program as well as a treatment program that addresses the effects of domestic violence on children.

Section 2. Effective Dates. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its passage and publication, as provided by law.

Section 3. Severability. If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Corrections by the City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 27th
day of April, 2020.



Matthew R. Larson, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi Warren

Jodi Warren, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

On file

Bob C. Sterbank, City Attorney