

ORDINANCE NO. 5097

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, CHAPTER 11 CURFEW GRAFFITI, SMOKING AND MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 11-18, BRASS KNUCKLES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES.

WHEREAS, the Chandler City Council seeks to address all behaviors that threaten the peace, health, safety, or welfare of the general public; and

WHEREAS, brass or metal knuckles are used mainly if not solely for aggressive fighting with the intent to cause injuries; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of teen violence through the prohibition of sale, gift, or possession of brass knuckles or other knuckles of metal by minors is in the best interest of the residents of the City of Chandler and aimed at reducing or preventing teen violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. That the Chandler City Code, Chapter 11 Curfew Graffiti, Smoking and Miscellaneous Offenses, is hereby amended adding Section 11-18 Brass Knuckles (additions in ALL CAPS, deletions in strikeout):

11-18. BRASS KNUCKLES

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR A MINOR TO POSSESS BRASS KNUCKLES OR OTHER KNUCKLES OF METAL. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO SELL, GIVE AWAY, OR TO HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE OR GIVING AWAY, OR TO DISPLAY FOR SALE OR GIVING AWAY, ANY BRASS KNUCKLES OR OTHER KNUCKLES OF METAL TO A MINOR. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MINOR" MEANS ANY PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE.

Section 2. Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, or any parts hereof, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Providing for Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of

competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 5. Providing for Penalties

A violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions set forth in Section 1-8.3 of the Chandler City Code.

INTRODUCED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 5097 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2024, and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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