

ORDINANCE NO 6 - 57

By Mr. G. Gurdsheli

To provide for a more severe penalty for molesting females, to provide for the crime of molesting children under sixteen and the penalty therefor.

Whereas, there has been an alarming increase in sex offenses; and

Whereas, sex offenses against children are especially injurious because of the lasting harmful effect; and

Whereas, recent instances of molestations have created fear in certain areas of our community; and

Whereas, it is the sense of this Council that these evils must and will be deterred by severe penalties for their commission; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Molesting Females. No person shall improperly follow, improperly pursue, improperly lay hands on, or otherwise molest any female of any age within the City of Bexley. Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year or both.

Section 2. Molesting Children Under Sixteen. No person shall improperly follow, improperly pursue, improperly lay hands on, or take indecent and improper liberties with, entice, allure, persuade into any room, office, motor vehicle, or any other place for the purpose of taking any immodest, immoral or indecent liberties, or otherwise, in any such manner, molest any child under sixteen (16) years of age. Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year or both.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: April 9, 1957

Attest: R. P. Gurdsheli  
Clerk

C. J. Hart  
President of Council

Approved: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1957

A. W. Johnson  
Mayor

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