

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

PARISH/ORDINANCES: Requests the New Orleans City Council to adopt ordinances to prohibit loitering and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain public spaces

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the New Orleans City Council to adopt ordinances that prohibit loitering
3 and the consumption of alcoholic beverages within and along designated linear
4 parks, greenways, walking and biking paths, sidewalks, and neutral grounds
5 throughout the city of New Orleans and within three hundred feet of any playground,
6 church, public library, or school.

7 WHEREAS, many local jurisdictions across the country have established loitering
8 laws to protect against a wide range of behaviors that are generally perceived as undesirable,
9 including but not limited to public begging, drug dealing, public intoxication, solicitation of
10 prostitution, and gang violence; and

11 WHEREAS, persons who loiter jeopardize the public's safety and welfare and
12 increase fear among the community; and

13 WHEREAS, there has been a continual problem in the city of New Orleans with
14 individuals loitering and consuming alcoholic beverages in public spaces; and

15 WHEREAS, the public spaces in the city of New Orleans are vibrant and important
16 community gathering places with increasing pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

17 WHEREAS, the presence of people sitting or lying in these busy areas inhibits the
18 space available for public passages and presents a hazard to pedestrians who may have to
19 step into the roadway to bypass these individuals; and

1 WHEREAS, many of the public spaces in the city of New Orleans are playgrounds,
2 churches, public libraries, and schools or areas near these places; and

3 WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans should be committed to making the pedestrian
4 environment safe, accessible, free from obstruction, and friendly for people of all ages,
5 income levels, and cultures; and

6 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the New Orleans City Council take immediate
7 action to curb loitering and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public spaces as the
8 general public has expressed grave concern about these matters.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the New Orleans City Council to
11 adopt ordinances that prohibit loitering and the consumption of alcoholic beverages within
12 and along designated linear parks, greenways, walking and biking paths, sidewalks, and
13 neutral grounds throughout the city of New Orleans and within three hundred feet of any
14 playground, church, public library, or school.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 New Orleans City Council.

DIGEST

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Requests the New Orleans City Council to adopt ordinances that prohibit loitering and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public spaces and within 300 feet of any playground, church, public library, or school.