

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 210 OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 210.040 PERTAINING TO THE OFFENSE OF PARENTAL NEGLECT.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Safety is recommending that Section 210.040 of the Wildwood Municipal Code relating to the offense of parental neglect be amended in order to conform to the St. Louis County Code and State law on the subject; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council concurs with this recommendation and desires to amend Section 210.040 as set forth herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section One.** Chapter 210 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Offenses" is hereby amended by deleting the existing Section 210.040 (Parental Neglect - Prohibited) in its entirety and enacting in its place a new Section 210.040, including a new title, to read as follows:

210.040. Child Endangerment - Prohibited.

- A. A person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a child if:
1. He or she knowingly acts in a manner that creates a substantial risk to the life, body or health of a child less than seventeen (17) years old; or
  2. He or she knowingly permits, encourages, aids or causes a child less than seventeen (17) years old to commit an act which violates the statutes of the United States, the statutes of the State of Missouri or the ordinances of the City of Wildwood, Missouri; or
  3. He or she operates a vehicle in violation of Subdivision (2) or (3) of Subsection 1 of Section 565.024 RSMo, Subdivision (4) of Subsection 1 of Section 565.060 RSMo, Section 577.010 RSMo, Section 577.012 RSMo, or Section 342.010 or 342.020 of this Code, while knowing that a child less than seventeen (17) years old is present in the vehicle.
  4. He or she unlawfully possesses, sells, manufactures or uses any controlled substance or drug paraphernalia as each is defined by chapter 195 RSMo, in violation of the statutes of the United States, the statutes of the State of Missouri or Section 210.350 or 210.360 of this Code, while knowing that a child less than seventeen (17) years old is present;

B. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to mean the welfare of a child is endangered for the sole reason that he or she is being provided nonmedical remedial treatment recognized and permitted under the laws of this State.

**Section Two.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval.

This Bill was passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 by the City Council of the City of Wildwood, Missouri after having been read by title two (2) times prior to its passage.

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Presiding Officer

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JAMES R. BOWLIN, MAYOR

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