

## **CHAPTER 205. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

### **205.01. Parent Responsibility.**

(a) A parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor residing with such parent or legal guardian shall be presumed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, to have failed to exercise proper parental responsibility, and said minor shall be deemed to have committed the violations along with the knowledge and permission of the parent or guardian, in violation of this ordinance, if the child has been found on private or public property within the City of Ashland in violation of any provisions of the Ashland City Ordinances twice within a six-month period.

(b) An adjudication by a court that the child has violated an ordinance, subject to admissible proof thereof under Section 904.10, Wis. Stats., shall in an action under subsection (a) above, bar a child's parents or parent from denying that the child committed the act.

### **205.02. Defenses.**

(a) It shall be a defense to the offense of failure to exercise parental responsibility if the parent or parents can provide specific evidence of enrollment or ongoing participation in or recent completion of parenting classes, family therapy, group counseling or AODA counseling. This is not to exclude other such activities associated with making a reasonable effort at enhancing one's parenting effectiveness.

(b) It shall be a defense to the offense of failure to exercise parental responsibility if the parent reported the act to the appropriate authorities.

**205.03. Penalty.** The offense described under Section 205.01 shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$1,000.00.

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