

**ORDINANCE NO. 6543**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR A PERSON TO POINT A LASER POINTER OR OTHER LIGHT AT AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTIMIDATING, ANNOYING OR ALARMING SAID INDIVIDUAL.**

Be it ordained by the City Commission of Parsons, Kansas:

**Section 1.** A person is guilty of criminal use of a laser pointer, flashlight, high intensity light, or spotlight if a person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly points said light at another person, in the window of an occupied vehicle, or in the window of an occupied structure, while said light is emitting a beam, and it causes a reasonable person to suffer intimidation, annoyance or alarm.

**Section 2.** Laser pointer means a device designed or adapted to emit a laser beam capable of being used for the purposes of aiming, targeting, or pointing.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall not apply to the use of a laser pointer:


(a) for educational purposes by individuals engaged in an organized meeting or training class; or

(b) during the normal course of work or trade activities.

**Section 4.** Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be considered convicted of a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine not to exceed \$500.00 and confinement in the city or county jail not to exceed 30 days. Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance and the victim is a law enforcement officer or city employee, engaged in the course of his or her employment, then said person shall be considered convicted of a Class B misdemeanor with a maximum fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and confinement in the city or county jail not to exceed six months.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Parsons, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

  
Kevin Cruse, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Robyn Baker, City Clerk