

CHAPTER 10.14

OFFENSES INVOLVING TELEPHONE USE

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10.14.010: Wrongful Use of Telephone: It is unlawful for any person to use the telephone to transmit a fire alarm when he knows that there is no fire, or to summon police or an ambulance on the pretext that an emergency exists, if he knows that there is no such emergency. (Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.14.020: Telephone Harassment: It is unlawful for any person, with intent to harass, intimidate, torment, or embarrass any other person, to make a telephone call to such person:

- (1) Using any lewd, lascivious, indecent, or obscene words or language, or suggesting the commission of any lewd or lascivious act; or
- (2) Anonymously, or repeatedly, or at an extremely inconvenient hour, whether or not conversation ensues; or
- (3) Threatening to inflict injury upon the person or property of the person called, or any member of his family or household is a gross misdemeanor. (Ord. 5057 Sec. 19, 2004: Ord. 3934 Sec. 1, 2000: Ord. 2961 Sec. 1, 1986: Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.14.025: Automated Solicitation: No person may use an automatic dialing and announcing device for the purpose of commercial solicitation or encouraging the person called to purchase property, goods or services.

Any offense committed by use of a telephone, as set forth in this section, may be deemed to have been committed either at the place from which the telephone call or calls were made, or at the place where the telephone call or calls were received. (Ord. 3015 Sec. 1, 1986)

10.14.030: Refusal to Yield Party Line: It is unlawful for any person to refuse to yield or surrender the use of a party telephone line to another person for the purpose of permitting such person to report a fire, or to summon police, medical, or other aid, in case of emergency. (Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.14.040: Request for Line on Pretext of Emergency: It is unlawful for any person to ask for or request the use of a party telephone line, on the pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency in fact exists. (Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.14.900: Violations - Venue: Any person who violates Section 10.14.020 shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any other provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any offense committed by use of a telephone,

as set forth in this chapter, may be deemed to have been committed either at the place from which the telephone call or calls were made, or at the place where the telephone call or calls were received. (Ord. 2961 Sec. 2, 1986: Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)