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24-100 **Purpose.**

An ordinance to prohibit breaches of the peace; to provide jurisdiction; to set an effective date and for other purposes.

24-101 **Title.**

The title of this Ordinance shall be the “Bryan County Breach of Peace Ordinance”.

24-102 **Jurisdiction.**

This Ordinance shall be effective and applicable in Bryan County, Georgia, outside the corporate limits of any municipality therein.

24-103 **Court Proceedings.**

1. Violations of this Ordinance shall be tried upon citations or accusations and may be tried with or without a prosecuting attorney who shall be the County Attorney.
2. Violations of this Ordinance shall be tried in the Magistrate Court of Bryan County, Georgia.
3. Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent the Board of Commissioners from bringing any civil action for injunction or other proceedings to prevent, correct, or abate any violation of this Ordinance. No sanction, penalty or remedy prescribed herein shall be considered exclusive of any other remedy, but shall be available in addition to any other sanction, penalty or remedy.
4. Each violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense for each day during which such violation continues.

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24-104 **Penalties.**

- 1. Any person violating this Ordinance or any provision thereof, upon conviction shall be punished by one or more of the following:
 - A. By a fine of no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$,1000.00);
 - B. By imprisonment for a period of not more than sixty (60) days.

24-105 **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in effect on and after June 3, 1998 and shall continue thereafter without re-enactment from year to year unless changed, amended or repealed by the Board of Commissioners of Bryan County.

24-106 **Violations.**

A person commits the offense of breach of the peace when such person commits any of the following in a public or private place:

- 1. Tumultuous acts, that is, noisy and disorderly conduct.
- 2. Acts that infringe on the person or property of another so as to place such person or property in danger of being injured, damaged or destroyed.
- 3. Opprobrious conduct or epithets, such as that expressing or carrying a sense of disgrace or contemptuous scorn.
- 4. Obstreperous conduct, such as being noisily and stubbornly defiant and aggressively boisterous.
- 5. Engaging in any fracas infringing on the rights of others or directing fighting words toward another, that is, words that by their very nature tend to incite a breach of peace.
- 6. Being at a place and acting in a manner not usual for law-abiding individuals under circumstances that warrant a justifiable and reasonable alarm or immediate concern for the safety of persons or property.

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7. Interfere, by acts, deeds or words, with the lawful pursuit of another's life, liberty or occupation by harassment or other means.
8. Congregate with others or another in or on a public or private place or way, so as to halt or hinder the normal flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
9. Disrupt, by actions that tend to incite a breach of the peace, the activities of any lawful meeting, gathering, procession, or event.
10. Disregarding the safety of others through any act of omission.
11. Mistreat, either intentionally or through neglect or omission, any animal owned by the offender or any other person or entity, public or private.
12. Appear in any public place or private business premises patronized by the public in any state of being or condition when such state of being or condition causes disruptive or annoying behavior that interferes with the lawful pursuits of others.
13. Discharge a weapon, except as permitted by State Law.
14. Permit or allow dogs to go beyond their owner's property onto the property of others, either public or private, or take no action to stop dogs from going beyond their owner's property onto the property of others, either public or private.
15. Permit or allow dogs to bark to the extent of being a nuisance to residents of property adjacent to or in the vicinity of the property on which the barking dog is situated or take no action to stop such barking.
16. Permit or allow dogs to deposit excrement beyond their owner's property or take no action to stop such depositing or excrement beyond their owner's property.
17. Either intentionally, or through neglect or omission, allows or permits a dog or pet to attack another dog or pet which results in the maiming or death of said dog or pet. (Revised 5/4/99)

24-107**No Effect on State Law.**

This Chapter shall not be deemed or construed to affect or limit the enforcement of any State Law.

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