

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS RELATED TO RESIDENCY AND IMPOSING CERTAIN RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO RENTAL OR LEASING OF PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND AS FOLLOWS:

Section One

Misrepresentations of Residence Unlawful

It shall be unlawful for any person to misstate or misrepresent residency to any school resource officer or Madison County School District employee for the purpose of school enrollment.

Section Two

Aiding, Abetting or Concealing Misrepresentations of Residence Unlawful

It shall be unlawful to aid or abet the misstatement or misrepresentation residency to any school resource officer or Madison County School District employee for the purpose of school enrollment.

Section Three

Utility Connections

It shall be unlawful to acquire utility connections in an attempt to further or assist with in any misstatement or misrepresentation residency for the purpose of school enrollment.

Section Four

Leasing of Property

It shall be unlawful to lease property in an attempt to further or assist with in any misstatement or misrepresentation residency for the purpose of school enrollment.

Section Five

Record Keeping

All persons renting or leasing property for residential purposes within the City of Ridgeland shall keep records reflecting the names of all school age children residing in the demised premises. Said information shall be made available to any City of Ridgeland School Resource Officer or employee of the Madison County School District upon request.

Section Six

Duty of Landlord to Report Change in Occupancy

Within seven (7) days after a change of occupancy by any school age child, any person renting property for residential purposes shall report said change to any City of Ridgeland School Resource Officer or other official of the City of Ridgeland or designated employee of the Madison County School District. If the report is provided to any person other than a City of Ridgeland School Resource Officer, the same shall only be effective if the report is made to a person specifically authorized and designated by either the City of Ridgeland or the Madison County School Board to accept such report.

Section Seven

Making false statements to government officials.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and knowingly, whether orally or in writing, make or cause to be made:

- a) to any law enforcement officer of the city in the course of the officer's duties with regard to any criminal investigation or in the institution of criminal charges, any false or fictitious or fraudulent statement, or to use any false writing or document.
- b) to any government official in the course of the government official's duties, any false or fictitious or fraudulent statement, or to use any false writing or document to obtain benefits or services.

Section Eight

Penalties

Violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Restitution shall be made to the city and the Madison County School District for all man hours exhausted and expenses incurred due to such false statements or misrepresentations.

Section Nine

Severability

Should any provision of this ordinance be unenforceable the remaining provisions shall remain fully in force and effect.

ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi at its regular meeting held on the 3rd day of November, 2009.

A MOTION made to adopt the foregoing Ordinance was made by Alderman Steen and SECONDED by Alderman Jones and the foregoing having first been reduced to writing, was submitted to a Roll Call Vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Ken Heard	<u> Aye </u>
Alderman Chuck Gautier	<u> Aye </u>
Alderman Kevin Holder	<u> Aye </u>
Alderman Brian Ramsey	<u> Aye </u>
Alderman Scott Jones	<u> Aye </u>
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	<u> Aye </u>
Alderman Gerald Steen	<u> Aye </u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance carried and the Ordinance adopted.

The foregoing Ordinance is approved this the 3rd day of November, 2009.

APPROVED:

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

By: /s/ Gene F. McGee
Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

 /s/ David Overby
David Overby, City Clerk

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