

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The City of Green River will conduct a Public Hearing on October 18, 2022 at 7 pm in the Green River City Hall Council Chambers located at 50 E 2nd North Street, Green River, Wyoming 82935. The purpose of the hearing is to allow citizens to comment on a proposed Amendment to the City of Green River Code of Ordinances adding Sections 18-79, 18-80 and 18-81 to Chapter 18, Article VI of the City of Green River Code Ordinances, addressing loopholes in the current State Statutes regarding human trafficking and prostitution. Copies of the proposed changes will be available at the City of Green River, Finance Department located at 50 E 2nd North Street, Green River, WY 82935. Written comments are welcome and must be received by 5 pm on Friday, October 14, 2022 and must be sent to: Chris Meats, City Clerk, City of Green River, 50 E 2nd North Street, Green River, WY 82935.

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Chris Meats, City Clerk

An Ordinance amending the Green River Code of Ordinances, adding Articles 18-79, 18-80 and 18-81 to Chapter 18 Article VI, of the City of Green River Code of Ordinances.

18-79 – Prostitution -Defined-Prohibited.

A. For the purpose of this section:

1. “Prostitution” means performing, offering to perform or agreeing to perform any act of:
 - a. Sexual intrusion as defined or referenced in this section or, any touching, manipulation or fondling of the sex organs of one person, whether by touch or the physical use of other items, by another person for any money, property, token, object, or anything of value, for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification of any or all of the participants.
 - b. Performance prostitution as defined and/or referenced in this section for any money, property, token, object, article or anything of value.
2. “Sexual intrusion” means and is defined as in Section 6-2-301 of the Wyoming Statutes:
 - a. Any intrusion, however slight, by any object or any part of a person’s body, except the mouth, tongue or penis, into the genital or anal opening of another person’s body if that sexual intrusion can be reasonably be construed as being for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification or abuse;
or
 - b. Sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, analogous or anal intercourse with or without emission.
3. “Performance prostitution” means any touching, manipulation or fondling of the sex organs and/or areola by one person upon themselves or by one person upon the person of another, whether by touch or the physical use of other items (touched), for the purpose of sexually arousing or sexually gratifying the person, who paid for and/or financed the sexual arousal or sexual gratification, and who is in the same building, structure, vehicle or area as the person(s) touched or touching.

B. No person shall keep, set up, maintain or operate any place, structure, building or conveyance in which an act or acts of prostitution are performed or for the purpose of prostitution, with knowledge or reasonable cause to know that the same is or is to be used for such a purpose, or receive or offer to agree to receive any person in any place, structure, building or conveyance for the purpose of prostitution, or permit any person to remain therein for such purpose.

C. No person shall direct, take, transport or offer or agree to take or transport, any person to any place, structure or building or to any other person with knowledge or reasonable cause to know that the purpose of such directing, taking or transporting is for an act of prostitution.

D. No person shall reside in, enter or remain in any place, structure or building, or enter or remain in any conveyance for the purpose of prostitution.

- E. No person shall engage in or solicit prostitution, aid or abet prostitution or obtain financial or pecuniary benefit from prostitution by solicitation or by any means whatsoever.
- F. No person shall solicit an act of prostitution, whether such person is requesting an act of prostitution or offering an act of prostitution.
- G. The fact a person was acting under duress or coercion is an affirmative defense to the charge of engaging in prostitution.

18-80 – Prostitution and public indecency penalties -Administrative consequences

- A. No owner, lessee, lessor, operator, manager, agent or employee of a business, place, structure, or conveyance or any licensee thereof, shall permit an act of prostitution under Wyoming Statutes Section 6-4-101 or Section 18-79 of this code, public indecency under Section 18-76 of this code or Wyoming Statutes Section 6-4-201, or shall engage in the sexual exploitation of children under Wyoming State Statutes Section 6-4-303.
- B. Any owner convicted of violating the statutes or ordinances referenced in this section or aiding, abetting or inciting any violation thereof, shall in addition to the penalties prescribed by ordinance or statute, be subject to the administrative suspension or revocation of such individuals or entities license(s) and/or permit(s) for all business operations and activities at the location where the violations were committed; aiding and abetting or inciting a violation is also sufficient cause for the revocation or suspension of the individuals or entities license(s) and/or permit(s).

18-81 – Severability

If any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this code chapter, shall for any person or circumstance, be held to be illegal, invalid, and/or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other sections, subsections, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this code chapter which is operable without the offending section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application shall remain effective notwithstanding such illegal, invalid, unenforceable, and/or unconstitutional section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application, and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this code chapter are declared severable. The governing body hereby declares that it would have passed each part, and each provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application be declared illegal, invalid, and/or unconstitutional.

1st Reading: _____

2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

