

## What can you do to help?

During the period between June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 you can help the City of Durango and the Durango P.D. by helping us educate the public and out of town visitors. Business owners, feel free to pass out these pamphlets to your customers and anyone sitting, kneeling or lying in the aforementioned areas. Patrol officers will also have copies of these pamphlets to give to people violating the ordinance.

Starting July 20<sup>th</sup>, if you see someone violating the ordinance call dispatch (970-385-2900) or tell a patrol officer. Do not confront a person that is violating the ordinance.

The intent of the Ordinance is compliance for the safety of everyone in the downtown area.



## Enforcement

Durango P.D. patrol officers will not issue citations to a person violating the ordinance before first seeking voluntary compliance from the person violating the ordinance. A citation will only be issued after a person continues to engage in conduct prohibited by the ordinance.

## Penalties

Upon conviction for a first violation of the ordinance the Court shall impose a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or probation or other penalty it deems appropriate. A subsequent conviction will result in a fine of up to and not to exceed \$200.00, probation or other appropriate penalty.



# Durango Police Department **SIDEWALK SAFETY ORDINANCE**

The Durango Police Department is dedicated to providing a dependable service to the community through teamwork and innovation, while treating all people with respect and professionalism.

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## MCO 17-60(c)

It shall be unlawful for any person to sit, kneel, recline or lie down in the Downtown Business Area upon any surface of any Public Right of Way, or upon any bedding, chair, stool, or any other object placed upon the surface of any Public Right of Way between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. of the next day.

### Purpose of public rights of way

1. The primary purpose of public sidewalks is to provide the safe and unimpaired passage of pedestrians.
2. The alleys, streets, railroad tracks, curbs, parking spaces and other public rights of way, provide safe and unimpaired passage of vehicles and railroad uses.
3. The use of sidewalks and other rights of way, for the purpose of sitting or lying down, creates significant and serious safety concerns for all.

## Safety

- The Sidewalk Safety ordinance is meant to alleviate safety concerns in the Central Business Area.
- The Central Business Area has the highest volume of pedestrian foot traffic in Durango.
- Sitting or lying down on the sidewalks impedes foot traffic, which can cause pedestrians to leave the sidewalk and use city streets instead.
- This can cause safety risks for pedestrians and vehicle operators alike.
- Sitting or lying down in the alleys and railroad tracks is a major safety concern for those sitting or lying down.

### When will it go into effect?

1. The ordinance officially goes into effect on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
2. This will be followed by a 30-day period in which the Durango P.D. will conduct an educational campaign to inform the public and out of town guests of what the ordinance entails.
3. During this 30-day period only warnings will be given. Beginning July 19<sup>th</sup> officers will be given discretion on whether to issue citations.

## Where is it Enforced?

