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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

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SPECIAL WORK SESSION MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 5:30 PM VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Special Work Session convened via Zoom at approximately 5:30 pm with Council President Brencis D. Smith presiding. Councilwoman Kyla M. Clark, Councilman James Kole, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons and Mayor Keith R. Sydnor were present. There were zero (0) members of the public in attendance.

The following staff members were also present: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator, Nekesa Matlock Deputy City Administrator, Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk, Chief Russell E. Hamill, Crystal Hypolite, Chief of Staff, Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Marchelle LeBlanc, Director, Department of Human Services, Jay Meashey, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, Tim Miller, Director, Department of Public Works, Natalie Williams, Director, Department of Communications, S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, Danny Selby, Director, Department of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services, James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology, Lauren Thompson, Acting Director, Department of Emergency Management, Deputy Chief Mark Plazinski and Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor.

Agenda Item No. 2 was a Bid Recommendation- Renewal of ESRI Enterprise GIS Agreement- Department of Information Technology. James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology presented the renewal agreement recommending that the Council approve renewing the City's Esri Small Government Enterprise Agreement with ESRI, Inc. for the three-year maximum price of \$126,000. President Smith noted that the item would be on the September 14, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

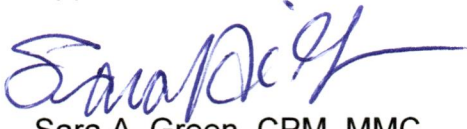
Agenda Item No. 3 was Ordinance No. 2061- An Ordinance Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and to Provide an Effective Date. S. Michele Saylor presented the proposed ordinance. President Smith noted that the item would be on the September 14, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Ordinance No. 2062- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend Laurel City Code Article V. "Curfew; Parental Responsibility", Section 9-60 "Definitions"; Section 9-61 "Unlawful Conduct", Section 9-62 "Defenses", Section 9-63 "Enforcement and Penalties" and Providing an Effective Date. Chief Russell E. Hamill presented the proposed ordinance that had been corrected following the September 2, 2026 Work Session. A lengthy discussion regarding the details of the proposed ordinance and various concerns regarding penalties and fine amounts ensued amongst Councilmembers. President Smith and Councilman Kole were in favor of moving the item forward to the regular meeting. Councilwoman Clark, Councilman Mills, and Councilman Simmons were not in favor of moving the item forward as drafted. President Smith noted that the item would not move forward to the regular meeting agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 pm.

Approved:

Date: *September 28, 2026*



Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Mayor and City Council Attendance Record

Special Work Session

September 14, 2026, 5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 5:30pm Meeting Ended: 6:05pm Members of the Public: 0

☒ Christian L Pulley ☒ Nekesa Matlock ☒ Bill Bailey ☒ Chief Russell Hamill
☒ Crystal Hypolite ☒ James Cornwell-Shiel ☒ Marchelle LeBlanc ☒ Jay Meashey ☒ Tim Miller
☒ S. Michele Saylor ☒ Danny Selby ☒ Lauren Thompson ☒ Natalie Williams
☒ Stephanie Anderson ☒ Mark Plazinski

Mayor and Councilmembers Attendance

☒ Councilwoman Clark ☒ Councilman Kole ☒ Councilman Mills
☒ Councilman Simmons ☒ President Smith ☒ Mayor Sydnor

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Special Work Session

Monday, September 14, 2026

5:30 PM *Note Special Start Time*****

Agenda

Virtual Meeting

Watch the meeting on Laurel TV streaming live in your web browser at <https://laurelvtv.org/watch-live> or locally Laurel TV can be found on Comcast Channel 996 (HD), 71 (SD) or Verizon FiOS Channel 12.

1. Call to Order – Brencis D. Smith, Council President
2. **Bid Recommendation- Renewal of ESRI Enterprise GIS Agreement-** Department of Information Technology
3. **Ordinance No. 2061-** An Ordinance Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and to Provide an Effective Date.
4. **Ordinance No. 2062-** An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend Laurel City Code Article V. "Curfew; Parental Responsibility", Section 9-60 "Definitions"; Section 9-61 "Unlawful Conduct", Section 9-62 "Defenses", Section 9-63 "Enforcement and Penalties" and Providing an Effective Date.
5. Adjournment



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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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August 27, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor
Brencis D. Smith, Council President
City Council Members

VIA: Nekesa Matlock, Deputy City Administrator

FROM: James A. Cornwell-Shiel, Chief Information Officer

SUBJ: **BID RECOMMENDATION - RENEWAL OF ESRI ENTERPRISE GIS AGREEMENT**

The Department of Information Technology recommends that the Council approve a three (3) year renewal of the Small Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri). This agreement provides the city's core Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and services, including updates, maintenance, and support. Sole source authorization for this renewal is requested, as Esri is the sole provider of this proprietary software.

The City has utilized Esri ArcGIS technologies as its foundational geospatial platform for more than two decades. GIS technologies are deeply integrated, mission-critical infrastructure across municipal operations, supporting police dispatch, crime analysis, planning, zoning, parcel management, address management, infrastructure management, and emergency management activities.

The SGEA is a programmatic tier structure priced strictly by community population. The City falls in the 25,001-50,000 population tier. By bundling software licensing with technical support into an Enterprise Agreement, Esri provides a significantly discounted per-unit rate compared to buying standalone user licenses à la carte. This renewal offers budget predictability through fixed annual pricing over the next three fiscal years.

- FY2027: \$42,000
- FY2028: \$42,000
- FY2029: \$42,000

FUNDING:

The vendor for this purchase is Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. The total three-year cost of this renewal is \$126,000, invoiced annually. Funding for the FY2027 cost of \$42,000 is provided in the adopted FY2027 IT General Operating Budget. FY2028 and FY2029 costs will be included in the respective fiscal year's requested budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Council approve renewing the Esri Small Government Enterprise Agreement with Esri, Inc. for the three-year maximum price of \$126,000.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at extension 2240.

Reviewed for Funding:

S. Michele Saylor

S. Michele Saylor, Director

Department of Budget and Personnel Services

08/27/2026

Date

cc: Sara A. Green, CMC, Clerk to the City Council
Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2061

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Sponsored by the City Council President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the FY2026 General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was adopted on May 28, 2025 through Ordinance No. 2041 and subsequently amended through Ordinance No. 2049, Ordinance No. 2051, Ordinance No. 2053, and Ordinance No. 2056, and

WHEREAS, additional transit overlay taxes were collected and shall be appropriated, and

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan (ARPA) expenditures of the fiscal year shall be appropriated, and

WHEREAS, insurance proceeds shall be appropriated for repairs and vehicle replacements, and

WHEREAS, the financial activities of the July 4th Committee shall be reflected in the budget, and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed for legal, utilities and repair expenses, and

WHEREAS, a funding appropriation is needed for facility operating expenses at 114 and 122 Lafayette Avenue, and

WHEREAS, there are interdepartmental transfers for purchases, repairs, and training, and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed for projects in the CIP, and

WHEREAS, the additional CIP funding shall be reauthorized for FY2027, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland are required to amend the FY2026 General Operating Budget and CIP to reflect these changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the General Operating Budget and CIP for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 is hereby amended.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

<u>GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET</u>	AMENDED ORD2056	BUDGET TRANSFERS	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2061
<u>REVENUE SUBCATEGORY DESCRIPTION</u>				
4010 - R/E TAX REVENUE	30,501,060		22,165	30,523,225
4030 - PERSONAL PROP TAX	1,345,000			1,345,000
4040 - PERSONAL PROP-INT/PENTALTY	40,000			40,000
4050 - LOCAL TAXES	4,850,000			4,850,000
4060 - OTHER LOCAL TAXES	1,979,771			1,979,771
4110 - LICENSES	756,350			756,350
4130 - PERMITS	334,975			334,975
4210 - FEDERAL GRANTS	23,000		280,795	303,795
4230 - STATE GRANTS	834,778			834,778
4250 - COUNTY GRANTS	448,362			448,362
4310 - GENERAL GOV'T SERVICE CH	150,797			150,797
4340 - SANITATION SERVICE CHGS	176,000			176,000
4350 - SERVICE CHARGE-HEALTH	10,000			10,000
4370 - FACILITY RENTALS	163,890			163,890
4411 - SWIMMING POOL FEES	135,010			135,010
4413 - RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	83,500			83,500
4415 - P&R ACTIVITY FEES	89,500			89,500
4417 - P&R CONCESSION FEES	25,000			25,000
4430 - SENIOR PROGRAM FEES	16,500			16,500
4620 - POLICE FINES	2,780,600			2,780,600
4630 - CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES	12,250			12,250
4710 - INVESTMENT INTEREST	351,300			351,300
4720 - RENTAL INCOME	18,963			18,963
4730 - CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	600			600
4740 - SALE OF PROPERTY	14,500			14,500
4750 - MISC REFUNDS AND REBATES	86,780		79,743	166,523
4761 - POLICE ACCT RECEIPTS	404,150			404,150
4790 - OTHER MISC REVENUES	487,474		6,113	493,587
4840 - FUND TRANSFER	7,617,660			7,617,660
	\$53,737,770		\$388,816	\$54,126,586

<u>DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</u>	AMENDED ORD2056	BUDGET TRANSFERS	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2061
201 - CITY COUNCIL	115,109			115,109
205 - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL	232,642			232,642
210 - MAYOR	657,833		(35,000)	622,833
215 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR	638,427		43,832	682,259
220 - ELECTIONS	88,090		(8,832)	79,258
225 - BUDGET & PERSONNEL SVCS	1,313,593			1,313,593
235 - COMMUNICATIONS	783,860			783,860
240 - ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEV	1,082,442			1,082,442
244 - SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS	106,727			106,727
250 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,967,093	348		2,967,441
270 - COMMUNITY PROMOTION	151,916		6,113	158,029
280 - GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	951,880	13,000		964,880
281 - JOSEPH R. ROBISON - LAUREL MUNICIPAL CTR	195,918			195,918
284 - PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY	151,927			151,927

285 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	199,513			199,513
286 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CENTER	124,252			124,252
287 - LAUREL MUSEUM	19,045			19,045
288 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE	37,850			37,850
289 - MAIN ST. POOL MAINTENANC	91,320			91,320
290 - LPD FACILITY	332,598			332,598
291 - GREENVIEW DR REC COMPLEX	53,355			53,355
292 - P&R MAINTENANCE FACILITY	52,020			52,020
293 - GUDE HOUSE	83,991			83,991
294 - LAUREL MULITSERVICE CENTER-MAINTENANCE	301,298	(13,000)	(34,125)	254,173
295 - 114 LAFAYETTE AVE PROPERTY	0		1,125	1,125
296 - 122 LAFAYETTE AVE PROPERTY	0		33,000	33,000
301 - POLICE	14,327,069	(6,525)		14,320,544
320 - FIRE MARSHAL & PERMIT SV	903,149			903,149
325 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	711,345			711,345
326 - HUMAN SERVICES-LMSC-PROGRAMS	561,254			561,254
401 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN	724,913		(10,000)	714,913
410 - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE	1,214,348	8,588	101,152	1,324,088
415 - WASTE COLLECTION	1,358,292			1,358,292
420 - RECYCLING	587,391			587,391
425 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS MAINT	1,144,792			1,144,792
430 - SNOW REMOVAL	166,155	(11,238)	(52,566)	102,351
435 - STREET LIGHTING	278,970	7,840	10,000	296,810
440 - ENGINEERING&TECH SERVICES	263,873			263,873
445 - TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	194,804			194,804
450 - TREE MANAGEMENT	98,992	(5,190)		93,802
501 - PARKS & RECREATION ADMIN	920,642			920,642
505 - RECREATION	542,926			542,926
510 - MAIN ST POOL PROGRAMS	330,813			330,813
515 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	341,459			341,459
520 - GREENVIEW DR PROGRAMS	109,878			109,878
525 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CTR PROG	219,522			219,522
530 - HUMAN SERVICES-LAUREL HELPING HANDS	239,771			239,771
535 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE PROGRAMS	32,827			32,827
550 - SENIOR SERVICES	282,535			282,535
650 - PRINCIPAL	2,860,923			2,860,923
651 - INTEREST	265,347			265,347
652 - RETIREMENT	2,548,030			2,548,030
654 - PROPERTY INSURANCE	550,764		(15,000)	535,764
655 - BONDING INSURANCE	29,600			29,600
656 - EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	4,569,615		15,000	4,584,615
657 - MISC FINANCIAL USES	6,103,582		31,157	6,134,739
658 - SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT	350,000		22,165	372,165
659 - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROG	0		280,795	280,795
810 - EMPLOYEE TRAINING	154,535	6,177		160,712
820 - EMPLOYEE TUITION	16,955			16,955
	\$53,737,770	\$0	\$388,816	\$54,126,586

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT	AMENDED ORD2056	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2061
STAGGERS ROAD	\$279,634	85,000	\$364,634
FLEET	\$280,757	31,157	\$311,914
TOTAL CIP CHANGES	\$560,391	\$116,157	\$676,548

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

BRENCIS D. SMITH
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2062 (Revised 09/03/2026)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMEND LAUREL CITY CODE ARTICLE V. "CURFEW; PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY", SECTION 9-60 "DEFINITIONS"; SECTION 9-61 "UNLAWFUL CONDUCT", SECTION 9-62 "DEFENSES", SECTION 9-63 "ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES" AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, on November 28, 1994 the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland passed Ordinance No. 1167 establishing a juvenile curfew in the City of Laurel that became effective on January 3, 1995; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 1996 the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland passed Ordinance No. 1189 that became effective on August 1, 1996 amending and redesignating Laurel City Code Article IV "Curfew; Parental Responsibility", as Article V "Curfew; Parental Responsibility and redesignating certain section numbers; and

WHEREAS, a recent review of Article V indicates that revisions to the Laurel City Code sections are needed to clarify and update language regarding curfews and parental responsibility of juveniles in the City of Laurel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the provisions of Chapter 9, Article V, of the Laurel City Code be and are hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE V. - CURFEW; PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sec. 9-60. - Definitions

* * *

Minor. Any person ~~under the age of seventeen (17) years.~~ under the age of eighteen (18) years.

* * *

Sec. 9-61. - Unlawful conduct

The following conduct shall be unlawful, unless otherwise provided herein:

- (1) ~~No minor under the age of seventeen (17) years shall remain in or upon any public place or any establishment between the hours of 11:59 p.m. Friday and~~

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* * * Asterisks indicate intervening language and section unchanged.

~~5:00 a.m. Saturday, or between the hours of 11:59 p.m. Saturday and 5:00 a.m. Sunday, or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day on any other day of the week.~~

- (2) ~~No minor between the ages of six (6) to sixteen (16) years, inclusive, shall remain in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during any school day unless he or she has written proof from school authorities excusing him or her from attendance at that particular time or unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person twenty one (21) years of age or older who has responsibility for the care and custody of a minor.~~
- (3) ~~No parent shall knowingly permit, nor by insufficient control shall allow, any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to remain in or upon any public place or any establishment between the hours of 11:59 midnight Friday and 5:00 a.m. Saturday, or between the hours of 11:59 midnight Saturday and 5:00 a.m. Sunday, or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day on any other day of the week.~~
- (4) ~~No parent shall knowingly permit, nor by insufficient control shall allow, any minor between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16) years, inclusive, to remain in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during any school day unless he or she has written proof from school authorities excusing him or her from attendance at that particular time or unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person twenty one (21) years of age or older who has responsibility for the care and custody of a minor.~~
- (5) ~~No operator of an establishment or his or her agents or employees shall knowingly permit any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to remain upon the premises of said establishment between the hours of 11:59 p.m. Friday and 5:00 a.m. Saturday, or between the hours of 11:59 p.m. Saturday and 5:00 a.m. Sunday, or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day on any other day of the week.~~
- (6) ~~No operator of an establishment or his or her agents or employees shall knowingly permit any minor between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16) years, inclusive, to remain in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during any school day unless he or she has written proof from school authorities excusing him or her from attendance at that particular time or unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person twenty one (21) years of age or older who has responsibility for the care and custody of a minor.~~
- (1) No minor under the age of eighteen (18) years shall remain in or upon any public place or any establishment between the hours of 11:00 p.m. Friday and 5:00 a.m. Saturday,

or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 5:00 a.m. Sunday, or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day on any other day of the week.

- (2) No minor under the age of 18 years shall remain in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during any school day unless they have written proof from school authorities excusing them from attendance at that particular time or unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older who has responsibility for the care and custody of the minor.
- (3) No parent shall knowingly permit, nor by insufficient control shall allow, any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years to remain in or upon any public place or any establishment between the hours of 11:00 p.m. Friday and 5:00 a.m. Saturday, or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 5:00 a.m. Sunday, or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day on any other day of the week.
- (4) No parent shall knowingly permit any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years to remain in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during any school day unless they have written proof from school authorities excusing them from attendance at that particular time or unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older who has responsibility for the care and custody of the minor.
- (5) No operator of an establishment or their agents or employees shall knowingly permit any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years to remain upon the premises of said establishment between the hours of 11:00 p.m. Friday and 5:00 a.m. Saturday, or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 5:00 a.m. Sunday, or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day on any other day of the week.
- (6) No operator of an establishment or their agents or employees shall knowingly permit any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years, to remain in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during any school day unless they have written proof from school authorities excusing them from attendance at that particular time or unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older who has responsibility for the care and custody of the minor.
- (7) The Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, shall have the authority to modify curfew hours in response to matters of public safety, pursuant to the exercise of emergency powers. Notice of any such modification shall be provided to the public through official City communication platforms, as is reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances.

Sec. 9-62. - Defenses.

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(a) It shall be a defense to prosecution of any of the offenses set forth in ~~s~~Section 9-61 of this ~~a~~Article V if the minor was:

~~(1) Accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian or a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older who has responsibility for the care and custody of a minor; or~~

~~(2) On an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop; or~~

~~(3) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel; or~~

~~(4) Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop; or~~

~~(5) Involved in an emergency; or~~

~~(6) On the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence; or~~

~~(7) Attending a city event, or an official school, religious, or civic activity, or attending a recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the city or other governmental entity, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, a city event, or an official school, religious, or civic activity, or a recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the city or other governmental entity, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;~~

~~(8) Married or had been married.~~

(1) Accompanied by their parent or legal guardian; or

(2) Returning home, by a direct route (without unnecessary detour or stop), within one (1) hour of the conclusion of a school activity, activity of a religious or voluntary association, or an event at a place of public entertainment (e.g., movie, play, or sporting event).

(3) At work or traveling directly to or from work and can provide proof of employment upon request.

(4) Is or had been married.

(b) It shall be a defense to prosecution of an operator of an establishment, pursuant to ~~s~~Sections 9-61(1) and (2) of this ~~a~~Article, if the operator of the establishment, or the operator's employees or agents promptly notified the police department that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

Sec. 9-63. - Enforcement and pPenalties.

~~(a) Any minor who violates the provisions of subsection 9-61(a) or 9-61(b) of this article shall be subject to being cited for such violation pursuant to applicable statutes, regulations and procedures relating to charging juveniles for juvenile violations. If the minor is not charged with such violation, the officer shall issue a youth field contact report (J-2) documenting the minor's name, address, home telephone number, and age, and the name, address, and home telephone number of the minor's parent or parents. The minor shall thereupon be instructed to proceed immediately to his or her home, or to proceed directly to his or her school, if it is during school hours; or the police officer may transport the minor to the minor's school if it is during school hours; or the police officer may transport the minor to the minor's home or to the police station where the minor will be detained for the purpose of contacting a parent of the minor to pick up the minor. The police department shall promptly cause a written notice to be mailed or delivered to the parents of the minor advising of the violation, which notice shall include a copy of the youth field contact report. Such notice shall be mailed to a parent by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery. Such mailing or delivery may be shown by the records of the police department made in the regular course of its business.~~

~~(b) Any parent who shall violate any provision of sections 9-61(3) or 9-61(4) of this article after having received notice of a prior violation occurring within the preceding twelve (12) months, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.~~

~~(c) Any operator of an establishment and any agents or employees of any operator, who shall violate the provisions of sections 9-61(5) or 9-61(6) of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.~~

(a) Any minor found in violation of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. First Offense: A civil fine of \$250.00 and 10 hours of community service.
2. Second Offense: A civil fine of \$500.00 and 25 hours of community service.
3. Third and Subsequent Offenses: A civil fine of \$1,000.00 and 40 hours of community service.

(b) Parents or legal guardians shall be held civilly liable for any damage(s) caused by their child(ren) in connection with a curfew violation, or for any costs incurred by the City of Laurel in managing the violation, up to \$10,000.00 per incident or occurrence.

___ Underlining indicates new language added.

Strikethroughs indicate language deleted.

* * * Asterisks indicate intervening language and section unchanged.

In addition, parents or legal guardians of a minor who violate this Article shall be subject to escalating civil penalties as follows:

1. First Offense (by the minor): No fine.
2. Second Offense (by the same minor): A civil fine of \$250.00.
3. Third Offense (by the same minor): A civil fine of \$500.00.
4. Fourth and Subsequent Offenses (by the same minor): A civil fine of \$1,000.00 per occurrence.

(c) Any operator of an establishment and any agents or employees of any operator, who shall violate the provisions of ~~sSections 9-61 or 9-61(2)~~ of this ~~a~~Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), ~~or imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both.~~ Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of this Ordinance. If any provision, including any exception, part, phrase, or term, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and the validity of this Ordinance in any and all other respects shall not be affected thereby.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC
 City Clerk

BRENCIS D. SMITH
 President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
 Mayor