

Utah Code § 76-9-102 — Disorderly Conduct

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76-9-102. Disorderly conduct.

- (1)
 - (a) As used in this section:
 - (i) "Official meeting" means:
 - (A) a meeting, as defined in Section 52-4-103;
 - (B) a meeting of the Legislature, the Utah Senate, the Utah House of Representatives, a legislative
↳ caucus, or any committee, task force, working group, or other organization in the state
↳ legislative branch; or
 - (C) a meeting of an entity created by the Utah Constitution, Utah Code, Utah administrative rule,
↳ legislative rule, or a written rule or policy of the Legislative Management Committee.
 - (ii) "Public place" means a place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has
↳ access, including:
 - (A) streets or highways; and
 - (B) the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, public buildings,
↳ public facilities, transport facilities, and shops.
 - (b) Terms defined in Section 76-1-101.5 apply to this section.
- (2) An actor commits disorderly conduct if:
 - (a) the actor refuses to comply with the lawful order of a law enforcement officer to move from a
↳ public place or an official meeting, or knowingly creates a hazardous or physically offensive
↳ condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose; or
 - (b) intending to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk of
↳ public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, the actor:
 - (i) engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior;
 - (ii) makes unreasonable noises in a public place or an official meeting;
 - (iii) makes unreasonable noises in a private place that can be heard in a public place or an
↳ official meeting; or
 - (iv) obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic in a public place or an official meeting.
- (3)
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), (c), or (d), a violation of Subsection (2) is an
↳ infraction.
 - (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c) or (d), a violation of Subsection (2) is a class C
↳ misdemeanor if the violation occurs after the actor has been asked to cease conduct
↳ prohibited under this section.
 - (c) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), a violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor
↳ if:
 - (i) the violation occurs after the actor has been asked to cease conduct prohibited under this
↳ section; and
 - (ii) within five years before the day on which the actor violates this section, the actor was
↳ previously convicted of a violation of this section.
 - (d) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class A misdemeanor if:
 - (i) the violation occurs after the actor has been asked to cease conduct prohibited under this
↳ section; and
 - (ii) within five years before the day on which the actor violates this section, the actor was
↳ previously convicted of two or more violations of this section.
- (4)
 - (a) The mere carrying or possession of a holstered or encased firearm, whether visible or concealed,
↳ without additional behavior or circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to believe
↳ the holstered or encased firearm was carried or possessed with criminal intent, does not
↳ constitute a violation of this section.
 - (b) Subsection (4)(a) does not limit or prohibit a law enforcement officer from approaching or
↳ engaging an individual in a voluntary conversation.

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