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## Sec. 17-57. Harassment.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in communication, or any other act, towards another person by:
1. Communicating in writing, by telephone, by fax machine or facsimile or by other electronic communications device, a threat to commit any felony; or
  2. Making a telephone call, communicating in writing, by fax machine or facsimile or by other electronic communications device, and using coarse language offensive to one of average sensibility and thereby puts such person in reasonable apprehension of offensive physical contact or harm; or
  3. Knowingly frightening, intimidating or causing emotional distress to another person by making a telephone call or other electronic communication anonymously; or
  4. Knowingly communicating with another person who is, or who purports to be, seventeen (17) years of age or younger and in so doing without good cause recklessly frightens, intimidates, or causes emotional distress to such person; or
  5. Knowingly making repeated unwanted communication, without good cause, with the purpose to frighten, intimidate, cause emotional distress, or such communication causes such person to be frightened, intimidated, or emotionally distressed, and such person's response to the communication is one of a person of average sensibilities considering age of such person.
  6. Without good cause engages in any other act with the purpose to frighten, intimidate, cause emotional distress, or such act causes such person to be frightened, intimidated, or emotionally distressed, and such person's response to the act is one of a person of average sensibilities considering age of such person.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any telephone, fax machine or other electronic communications device under his control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this section.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit acts described in Subsection A. herein if these acts are directed toward or received by a telephone, a telephone answering device, electronic facsimile (fax) equipment or any other electronic communications device.
- D. Any offense committed by use of a telephone, fax machine or any other electronic communications device as set forth in Subsection A., B. and/or C. hereinabove shall be deemed to have been committed at either the place where the telephone call, fax or other communication originated or at the place where the telephone call, fax or other communication was received.
- E. This section shall not apply to activities of federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement officers conducting investigations of violations of federal, state, county, or municipal law.

(Ord. No. 8068, § 1, 1-5-2017)

State law reference(s)—Harassment, second degree, RSMo 565.091.