



CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, April 19, 2021

5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Agenda

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| I. | Downtown Coordinator Update | 20 mins |
| II. | Amending the Police Promotion Requirements | 20 mins |
| III. | Panhandling & Loitering Ordinance Revision | 20 mins |
| IV. | Executive Session Litigation | |

Drafted by: City Clerk
Referred by: Police Civil Service Bd
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Advertised on: N/A

**BILL _____-2021
AN ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 77 POLICE DEPARTMENT, PART 1 PROMOTIONS BY AMENDING THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN AND STRIKING SECTION 110 COLLEGE CREDITS

THE CITY OF READING CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amending City Code Chapter 77 Police Department, Part 1 Promotions by amending the experience requirements for the position of Captain and striking Section 110 College Credits as follows:

**Part 1
Promotions**

[Adopted 11-24-1982 by Ord. No. 49-1982 (Ch. 1, Part 8, of the 2001 Code of Ordinances)]

§ 77-101. Promotions according to eligibility.

[Amended 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001]

The Mayor of the City of Reading shall promote members of the Police Department to the positions of sergeant, lieutenant, captain and inspector only from among the three highest on eligibility lists for each such position certified by the Civil Service Board who meet the following qualifications with respect to each position.

§ 77-102. Sergeant.

[Amended 5-23-1990 by Ord. No. 52-1990; 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001; 2-8-2010 by Ord. No. 3-2010; 2-27-2017 by Ord. No. 15-2017]

A. An applicant desiring to take the test for the position of sergeant in the Reading Department of Police must be a sworn member of the Reading Department of Police with five years' experience, who shall have attained the required five years' experience prior to the closing date fixed by the Civil Service Board. [Amended 11-28-2011 by Ord. No. 63-2011; 2-27-2017 by Ord. No. 15-2017]

B. Where more than one member of the Department is qualified by virtue of this section to submit application to take the test for the position of sergeant, the Civil Service Board shall select the type of testing, set the weights of all parts of the testing process and conduct an examination process. The respective final scores of the candidates for the position of sergeant shall include points acquired for years of experience, as provided for in § [77-106](#) hereof, and

~~points acquired for college credits as provided for in § 77-110, hereof,~~ shall be added to the composite score to determine the final score.

C. Where more than one member qualifies for an appointment to the position of sergeant as a result of the sergeants examination, the Civil Service Board shall enter the names of such persons on a list of eligibles in the order of their respective total scores, the highest coming first. The Mayor shall choose from the three names at the top of the list for appointment to the rank of sergeant. Whenever any name is removed from the list, in accordance with this Part, all names on the list lower than that removed shall be moved up in position on the list accordingly.

§ 77-103. Lieutenant.

[Amended 5-23-1990 by Ord. No. 52-1990; 10-3-1990 by Ord. No. 121-1990; 2-11-1992 by Ord. No. 13-1992; 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001; 2-8-2010 by Ord. No. 3-2010; 2-27-2017 by Ord. No. 15-2017]

A. An applicant desiring to take the test for the position of lieutenant shall be a sergeant who has held that position for at least three years prior to the closing date fixed by the Civil Service Board for the receipt of applications or one who held the position of detective on June 11, 1978, and who obtained such rank pursuant to Ord. No. 31-1968, as amended. **[Amended 11-28-2011 by Ord. No. 63-2011; 2-27-2017 by Ord. No. 15-2017]**

B. Where more than three members of the Department are qualified by virtue of this section to submit an application to take the test for the position of lieutenant, the Civil Service Board shall select the type of testing, set the weights of all parts of the testing process and conduct an examination process. In determining the respective final scores of the candidates for the position of lieutenant, points acquired for years of experience as provided for in § [77-106](#) hereof, ~~and points acquired for college credits as provided in § 77-110 hereof,~~ shall be added to the composite scores to determine the final score.

C. Where more than three members qualify for an appointment to the position of lieutenant as a result of the examination, the Civil Service Board shall enter the names of such persons on a list of eligibles in the order of their respective total scores, the highest coming first. The Mayor shall choose from the three names at the top of the list for appointment to the rank of lieutenant. Whenever any name is removed from the list, in accordance with this Part, all names on the list lower than that removed shall be moved up in position on the list accordingly.

§ 77-104. Captain.

[Amended 5-23-1990 by Ord. No. 52-1990; 3-11-1932 by Ord. No. 13-1992; 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001; 2-8-2010 by Ord. No. 3-2010]

A. An applicant desiring to take the test for the position of captain shall be a ~~sergeant~~ *lieutenant* who has held that position for at least five years prior to the closing date fixed by the Civil Service Board for the receipt of applications or a lieutenant who has a combination of *at least five years of experience between the rank of sergeant and lieutenant with at least two years in patrol as a sergeant or lieutenant* ~~at least five years in the position of sergeant~~

and/or lieutenant prior to the closing date fixed by the Civil Service Board for the receipt of applications.

B. Where more than one member of the Department is qualified by virtue of this section to submit an application to take the test for the position of captain, the Civil Service Board shall select the type of testing, set the weights of all parts of the testing process and conduct an examination process consisting of a written and oral examination. In determining the respective final scores of the candidates for the position of captain, points acquired for years of experience as provided for in § 77-106, hereof, ~~and points for college credits as provided for in § 77-110 hereof,~~ shall be added to the composite scores to determine the final score.

C. Where more than one member qualifies for an appointment to the position of captain as a result of the examination, the Civil Service Board shall enter the names of such persons on a list of eligibles in order of their respective total scores, the highest coming first. The Mayor shall choose from the three names at the top of the list for appointment to the rank of captain. Whenever any name is removed from the list, in accordance with this Part, all names on the list lower than that removed shall be moved up in position on the list accordingly.

§ 77-105. Inspector.

[Amended 5-13-1990 by Ord. No. 52-1990; 10-3-1990 by Ord. No. 121-1990]

An applicant for the position of inspector shall be a lieutenant who has held that position for at least three years or a captain who has held that position for at least one year or the position of lieutenant for at least three years. Applicant names shall be reviewed by the police executive staff with recommendations forwarded to the Chief of Police, who shall then either approve or disapprove such recommendations and submit his recommendations along with the staff's to the Mayor who shall appoint from those submitted.

§ 77-106. Service time.

[Amended 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001]

Those candidates for positions covered under this Part who shall have completed 20 years of service from the time of appointment to the Department of Police to the closing date fixed by the Civil Service Board for the receipt of applications for the respective examinations, shall receive the maximum of five points allowed for service. Those who have not completed 20 years of service as aforesaid shall receive 1/4 point for each whole year of service completed as aforesaid.

§ 77-107. Probationary period.

[Amended 5-23-1990 by Ord. No. 52-1990; 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001]

Each member of the Police Department receiving a promotion to the aforementioned ranks, at the successful conclusion of a probationary period of one year from the date of the promotion, shall be subject to demotion by the Mayor only for cause, i.e., misconduct, failure to competently perform required duties, violation of Department-written directives or laws of the commonwealth or City ordinances. Reasons for demotions shall be set forth in writing and served on the member. In the event of a demotion, the member may appeal to Council by written notice to the Mayor within 15 days of the demotion. Council shall set a hearing date

on such appeal which shall be held within a reasonable time in accordance with the local agency law.

§ 77-108. Score determination.

[Amended 5-23-1990 by Ord. No. 52-1990; 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001]

The Civil Service Board shall determine passing scores for all tests and examinations in conference with the administrators of such authorized tests or examinations and Police Department representatives. Passing scores shall be determined by Police Department personnel needs for each particular position being tested for and/or test criteria for adequate knowledge to perform in the tested position. Such determination shall be known, in writing, to all candidates before each portion of a testing or examination process occurs.

§ 77-109. Eligibility lists.

[Amended 5-29-2001 by Ord. No. 14-2001; 2-12-2007 by Ord. No. 11-2007]

Members of the Department whose names appear on the eligibility list as certified by the Civil Service Board shall, if passed over in the appointment, remain on the eligibility list in the position as indicated by their total score for a period of two years after the date the list is officially certified. If a member of the Department is passed over three times, his or her name shall be removed from the list. A member is considered to be passed over on each separate occasion when a person(s) whose name(s) appear(s) below him or her on the eligibility list is appointed before he or she is appointed. If at any time three or fewer names appear on the eligibility list in effect under this Part, the Mayor may terminate the list and require the Civil Service Board to conduct retesting.

§ 77-110. College credits. Reserved

[Amended 3-11-1992 by Ord. No. 13-1992]

~~A. Those candidates for positions covered under this Part who have at least 30 or more college credit hours, shall receive 1/2 point for each 15 completed hours to a maximum total of five points for 150 credit hours in accordance with the following scale:~~

Credit Hours	Points
30 to 44	1.0
45 to 59	1.5
60 to 74	2.0
75 to 89	2.5
90 to 104	3.0
105 to 119	3.5
120 to 134	4.0
135 to 149	4.5
150 and over	5.0

~~B. College credit hours shall be earned at an accredited college or university. Only those credits earned before the closing date fixed by the Civil Service Board for the receipt of applications shall be considered.~~

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Sections 219 & 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted _____, 2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

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Drafted by: City Clerk
Referred by: Councilor Reed
Introduced on:
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BILL NO. _____ 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 353 LOITERING & OBSTRUCTING THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, BY CHANGING THE CHAPTER TITLE TO LOITERING & PANHANDLING, DEFINING PANHANDLING AND OTHER RELEVANT TERMS, PROHIBITING PANHANDLING IN CERTAIN PLACES AND IN CERTAIN MANNERS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS PROVIDED BY PENNSYLVANIA LAW AND THE CITY'S HOME RULE CHARTER.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF READING CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Amending the City Code Chapter 353 Loitering & Panhandling ~~Obstructing the Public Right of Way~~, as follows:

Chapter 353
LOITERING & PANHANDLING ~~OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC~~
PLACES

§ 353-101. Purpose.

§ 353-102. Definitions

§ 353-103. Loitering and Panhandling ~~obstructing public~~ places.

§ 353-104. Enforcement.

§ 353-105. Violations and penalties.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Reading 9-23-2002 by Ord. No. 48-2002 (Ch. 6, Part 4, of the 2001 Code of Ordinances). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES Curfew — See Ch. 188.

STATE LAW REFERENCES

Loitering and prowling at night — See 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5506.

Obstructing highways and other public passages — See 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5507.

Procedure in Court Cases Initiated by Arrest Without Warrant - Title 234, Chapter 5, PA Code Rule 519

§ 353-101. Definitions.

The purpose of this section is to balance the constitutional right of free speech of someone to ask for money with the right of someone to walk the streets free of harassment based on laws used in Lancaster and Harrisburg PA. It is the intent of this chapter to provide the Reading Police Department with an additional tool to address aggressive panhandling or loitering when it is reported or when they encounter it **and provide the option for a diversionary program for those who violate this section.** ~~and the individual(s) involved cannot be referred to the various social service networks available or if the situation would not be resolved through the use of a social service agency.~~

§ 353-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, certain terms are defined as follows:

1. LOITERING —

(a) to stand around or remain or to park or remain parked in a motor vehicle at a public place or place open to the public and to engage in any conduct prohibited under this law; or

(b) to collect, gather, congregate, or to be a member of a group or a crowd of people who are gathered together in any public place or place open to the public and to engage in any conduct prohibited under this law.

2. PLACE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

(a) "Place open to the public" means any place open to the public or any place to which the public is invited and in, on, or around any privately owned place of business, private parking lot, or private institution, including places of worship, cemetery, or any place of amusement and entertainment, whether or not a charge of admission or entry thereto is made.

(b) It includes the elevator, lobby, halls, corridors, streets and highways, and areas open to the public at any store, office, or apartment building.

3. AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE – A device, linked to a financial institution's account records, which is able to carry out transactions, including but not limited to account transfers, deposits, cash withdrawals, balance inquiries, and mortgage and loan payments.

4. **AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE FACILITY** – *The area comprised of one or more automatic teller machines and any adjacent space which is made available to banking customers after regular banking hours.*

5. **CHECK CASHING BUSINESS** – *Any entity duly licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Banking to engage in the business of cashing checks, drafts, or money orders for consideration pursuant to the Check Casher Licensing Act, Act of February 18, 1998, P.L. 146, as amended, 63 P.S. § 2301 et seq.*

6. **FINANCIAL INSTITUTION** – *Any entity authorized to engage in the business of receiving money for deposit or transmission pursuant to Section 105 of the Pennsylvania Banking Code Act of November 30, 1965, P.L. 847, as amended, 7 P.S. § 105.*

7. **OUTDOOR CAFÉ** – *A use characterized by outdoor table service of food or beverages prepared for service in a structure located adjacent, attached or in close proximity thereto for consumption on the premises.*

8. **PANHANDLING IN AN AGGRESSIVE MANNER** –

a. *Following behind, ahead or alongside a person for more than 25 feet either before, during or after soliciting if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm to oneself or to another or damage to or loss of property or otherwise be intimidated into giving money or other thing of value;*

b. *Continuing to solicit from a person after that person has given a negative response to such soliciting or walked away from the solicitor;*

c. *Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with the solicited person without such person's consent;*

d. *Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a person or vehicle being solicited by any means, including unreasonably causing a person or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;*

e. *Using profane or abusive language or speaking in an unreasonably loud volume, either during the solicitation or following a refusal to make a donation, or making any statement or gestures toward a solicited person which would cause a reasonable person to be fearful or feel compelled; or*

f. *Soliciting from a person while that person is waiting in line for entry to a building or for another purpose.*

9. PANHANDLING, SOLICITING and BEGGING – “Panhandling,” “soliciting” and “begging” shall be used interchangeably in this chapter and shall mean asking ~~or soliciting~~ ~~in~~ a person for an immediate donation of money or objects of value, with the intention that the money or object be transferred at that time and at that place, for charity or personal gain that is not authorized. “Panhandling” shall include, but not be limited to, using the spoken, written or printed word, bodily gestures, or signs, ~~music, singing or other street performance~~ with the purpose of obtaining an immediate donation of money or other thing of value. “Panhandling” shall also include exchanges in which the person being solicited asked receives an item or thing of little or no monetary value in exchange for a donation, under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the transaction is in substance a donation. Panhandling does not include passively standing or sitting with a sign or other indication that one is seeking donations, without addressing any solicitation to any specific person other than in response to an inquiry by that person. **Music, singing or other street performances are exempted.**

PUBLIC PLACE — Any place to which the public has access and includes any public street or public sidewalk, as well as the front of and the area immediately adjacent to any parking lot, store, restaurant, tavern or other place of business.

10. PUBLIC PLACE – A place to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access, including but not limited to any street, highway, sidewalk, parking facility, plaza, transportation facility, school, place of worship, cemetery, place or amusement, park or playground, and any doorway, entrance, hallway, lobby or other portion of any business establishment, apartment house or hotel not constituting a room or apartment designed for actual residence.

11. PUBLIC TOILET – Any “porta potty” located on public property or any rest room facilities located within any public park or swimming pool which are intended for use by the general public.

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE – Any vehicle, including a trailer bus, designed, used or maintained for carrying 10 or more persons, including the driver, or a passenger vehicle designed for carrying fewer than 10 persons, including the driver, and used to carry passengers for hire.

13. SIDEWALK CAFÉ – A use located on a public sidewalk which is located adjacent to a full service restaurant where food and beverages are prepared, served and sold and are delivered for consumption on the sidewalk. It is characterized by the presence of tables and chairs and may be shaded by canopies, awnings or umbrellas. It shall also include the public right-of-way connecting the main restaurant to the sidewalk café.

14. OBSTRUCTING HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PASSAGES.

(a) Obstructing.--A person, who, having no legal privilege to do so, intentionally or recklessly obstructs any highway, railroad track or public utility right-of-way, sidewalk, navigable waters, other public passage, whether alone or with others, commits a summary offense, or, in case he persists after warning by a law officer, a misdemeanor of the third degree. No person shall be deemed guilty of an offense under this subsection solely because of a gathering of persons to hear him speak or otherwise communicate, or solely because of being a member of such a gathering.

(b) Refusal to move on.--

(1) A person in a gathering commits a summary offense if he refuses to obey a reasonable official request or order to move:

(i) to prevent obstruction of a highway or other public passage; or

(ii) to maintain public safety by dispersing those gathered in dangerous proximity to a fire or other hazard.

(2) An order to move, addressed to a person whose speech or other lawful behavior attracts an obstructing audience, shall not be deemed reasonable if the obstruction can be readily remedied by police control of the size or location of the gathering.

(c) Definition.--As used in this section the word "obstructs" means renders impassable without unreasonable inconvenience or hazard.

Cross References. Section 5507 is referred to in sections 3019, 3065 of this title; section 8902 of Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure).

§ 353-103. Loitering; obstructing public places.

A. No person shall loiter in a public place, as heretofore defined, in such manner as to obstruct any public street, public sidewalk, public bridge, or other public place or public building by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles or pedestrians.

B. No person shall commit in or upon any public street, public sidewalk, public bridge, or other public place or public building any act which obstructs or interferes with the free and uninterrupted use of property or the lawful conducting of any business by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public sidewalk, public bridge, or other public place or public building, in such manner as to hinder or impede or tend to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted ingress and egress thereto.

C. If the person's conduct constituting the offense is upon the officer's view imperiling the personal security of any person or endangering public or private property, the officer shall have the ability to employ Title 234, Chapter 5, PA Code Rule 519. Procedure in Court Cases Initiated by Arrest Without Warrant

§ 353-104. Panhandling.

- A. No person shall engage in an act of panhandling, solicitation or begging:
- a. Within 25 feet of the outside perimeter of an outdoor café or a sidewalk café ~~unless expressly authorized by the owner, manager or supervisor of the establishment.~~
 - b. On private or residential property without permission from the owner or other person lawfully in possession of such property.
 - c. Within 20 feet of public toilets.
 - d. Within 20 feet of an entrance to or exit from any financial institution, check cashing business or automated teller machine without the consent of the owner of the property or another person legally in possession of such facilities; provided, however, that when an automated teller machine is located within an automated teller machine facility, such distance shall be measured from the entrance or exit of the facility.
 - e. With an operator or occupant of a motor vehicle while such vehicle is located on any public street, for the purpose of the sale of goods or offering to perform a service in connection with such vehicle, or in exchange for blocking, occupying or otherwise reserving a public parking space or directing the operator or occupant to a public parking space; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to services being offered in connection with emergency repairs requested by the operator or occupant of such vehicle.
 - f. In any public transportation vehicle, stop or facility or in any public parking lot or facility.
 - g. In an aggressive manner, as defined in § 353-102 above, in any public place within the City.
- B. *If the person's conduct constituting the offense is upon the officer's view imperiling the personal security of any person or endangering public or private property, the officer shall have the ability to employ Title 234, Chapter 5, PA Code Rule 519.*
- Procedure in Court Cases Initiated by Arrest Without Warrant*

§ 353-105. Enforcement.

When any person causes or commits any of the conditions enumerated in §353-102.1A and/or B, a law enforcement officer for the City of Reading Department of Police shall order that person to stop causing or committing such condition. If any person receiving any such order from a law enforcement officer fails or refuses to obey the same ~~the law enforcement officer shall first determine if the person can be assisted by a social service agency and if the social service agency refuses to provide assistance or the law enforcement officer determines that social services will not cannot deescalate the immediate conditions,~~ then the person(s) shall be subject to Title 234, Chapter 5, PA Code Rule 519. *Procedure in Court Cases Initiated by Arrest Without Warrant and subject to the Violations and penalties in § 353-106*

~~**§ 353-106. Violations and penalties.**~~

~~Any person or persons who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to 20 hours of community service in the downtown area as assigned by~~

~~the Public Works Director, or his designee, plus two (2) hours of counseling as assigned by the Homeless Coalition. Upon conviction of a 2nd offense, the person or persons shall be assigned to 40 hours of community service in the downtown area as assigned by the Public Works Director, or his designee, plus four (4) hours of counseling as assigned by the Homeless Coalition. Upon conviction of a 3rd offense, the person or persons shall be required to pay a fine plus costs, and in default of payment of said fine and costs, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days.~~

§ 353-106. Violations and penalties

Persons who violate any provision of this Chapter may be eligible to participate in a diversionary program as established by the City of Reading. The diversionary program shall be available for both first and second violations, and may be available for third and subsequent violations at the discretion of the court. The diversionary program shall include community service and counseling. Upon successful completion of the diversionary program, the violation(s) under this chapter shall be dismissed.

- a. Any person who commits a first violation of any provision of this chapter shall pay a fine not to exceed \$25 OR participate in a diversionary program that will require the completion of no more than 5 hours of community service and no more than 2 hours of counseling.*
- b. Any person who commits a second violation of any provision of this chapter shall pay a fine not to exceed \$50 OR participate in a diversionary program that will require the completion of no more than 10 hours of community service and no more than 4 hours of counseling.*
- c. Any person or persons who commit a third or subsequent violation of any provision of this chapter shall pay a fine not to exceed \$100, and shall not be eligible to participate in the diversionary program unless the court determines that participation is appropriate and the arresting officer is in agreement.*

SECTION 2. All ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions insofar as they are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION 3. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this Ordinance; it being the intent of the City of Reading that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2021, by the Council of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____