

Ordinance Concerning Vagrants

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Grand Junction

Sec 1 Any person able to work and support himself in some honest and respectable calling or business, who shall be found loitering or strolling about frequenting public places or places where liquor is sold or begging or leading an immoral life or not having any usable means of support, or who live idly without employment or who are found lodging in tippling houses outhouses or houses of ill repute sheds stables or in wagons boxes or in the open air; or who shall be found trespassing in the night time upon the private premises of others; and not giving a good account of themselves or wandering abroad and begging or going about from door to door begging; and all persons upon whose person shall be found any instrument or thing used in the commission of burglary or for picking locks or pockets and who cannot give a good account of their possession of the same shall be deemed Vagrants.

Sec 2 On the trial of any person before the police magistrate of the town or if there be no police magistrate, before any justice of the peace in said town, charged with being a Vagrant, it shall be lawful for the town to introduce in support of said charge testimony of general character and reputation of the defendant

Touching the offence or charge set forth in the complaint, and the defendant may likewise resort to testimony of like nature for the purpose of disproving said charge and if the defendant after all proofs shall have been found guilty he or she shall be adjudged to pay a fine of not less than five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars and costs which shall be collected as fines for ~~criminal~~ the violation of Ordinances ~~are~~ are collected in other cases

Passed adopted and approved
this 22 day of June 1884

W E Shaffer
Recorder

W N Talbot
Mayor