Sec. 10-42. Truancy.

(a) ***Purpose***. It is the purpose and intent of this Section to have in place a mechanism to assist with addressing truancy concerns raised by Appleton Area School District (AASD). Enforcement of this ordinance contemplates that AASD has offered supports and tools beyond its statutorily required compulsory attendance duties. The effectiveness and administration of this Section will be evaluated periodically by the Common Council, or a subcommittee thereof, by taking into consideration expectations, data and related information as more particularly set forth in Resolution #3-R-25 as adopted on October 1, 2025.

(b) No person under 18 years of age shall be a "habitual truant."

(c) ***Dispositions***. Any person who violates this section may be subject to the following court-ordered dispositions, to the exclusion of other statutory dispositions, pursuant to W.S.A. §118.163(2):

(1) An order for the person to participate in counseling or a supervised work program or other community service work as described in §938.34 (5g). The costs of any such counseling, supervised work program or other community service work may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both. Any county department of human services or social services, community agency, public agency or nonprofit charitable organization administering a supervised work program or other community service work to which a person is assigned pursuant to an order under this paragraph acting in good faith has immunity from any civil liability in excess of $25,000 for any act or omission by or impacting on that person. (W.S.A. §118.163(2)(b))

(2) An order for the person to attend an educational program as described in §938.34 (7d). (W.S.A. §118.163(2)(d))

(3) An order for the department of workforce development to revoke, under §103.72, a permit under s. 103.70 authorizing the employment of the person. (W.S.A. §118.163(2)(e))

(4) An order for the person to attend school. (W.S.A. §118.163(2)(g))

(5) A forfeiture of not more than $500 plus costs, subject to §938.37. All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both. (W.S.A. §118.163(2)(h))

(6) An order placing the person under formal or informal supervision, as described in §938.34 (2), for up to one year. (W.S.A. §118.163(2)(j))

(d) No proceedings may be brought against a person under this section unless the requirements of W.S.A §118.16(5), and §118.16(5m) are complied with by the school attendance officer prior to the issuance of a citation.

(e) ***Definitions***. The definitions of terms in W.S.A. §118.163(1) are hereby adopted and incorporated into this section by reference.

(f) ***Effective dates***. This section shall become effective November 1, 2025 and remain effective until and inclusive of June 30, 2026 at which time it will automatically be repealed unless previously amended by the Common Council.