

**Title:** Regulation of the Exchange of Items Between Occupants of Vehicles and Pedestrians on Public Roads

**Purpose:** This ordinance aims to enhance public safety by regulating the exchange of items between vehicle occupants and pedestrians on public roads, thereby reducing distractions and preventing accidents. This ordinance is not intended to infringe upon First Amendment rights but to ensure the safety and orderly movement of traffic.

## **Section 1: Definitions**

1.1 **Panhandling:** Soliciting money or goods in public places.

1.2 **Pedestrian:** Any person traveling on foot, including those using mobility devices such as wheelchairs.

1.3 **Vehicle:** Any device by which a person or property may be transported on a road, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, and scooters.

1.4 **Roadway:** The portion of a public street, road, or highway intended for vehicular travel including, but not limited to, when vehicles are temporarily stopped due to traffic signals.

## **Section 2: General Provisions**

### **2.1 Prohibited Acts:**

- No pedestrian shall exchange, or attempt to exchange, any item with an occupant of a vehicle when such vehicle is located on the traveled portion of a roadway.
- No occupant of a vehicle shall exchange, or attempt to exchange, any item with a pedestrian when such vehicle is located on the traveled portion of a roadway.

### **2.2 Exceptions:**

- This ordinance shall not apply to the exchange of items between occupants of vehicles and pedestrians when the vehicle is lawfully parked in a designated parking area.
- This ordinance shall not apply to the exchange of items during emergency situations where the immediate exchange is necessary for the safety or health of any individual.
- This ordinance shall not apply to interactions with law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, or other government officials performing their official duties.

## **Section 3: Enforcement and Penalties**

3.1 **Enforcement:** The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Prince William County Police Department.

### **3.2 Penalties:**

- Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a civil fine not exceeding [nominal fine] for each offense.

- Repeat offenders may be subject to increased fines or other penalties as determined by the Prince William County courts.

**Section 4: Severability**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 5: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

**Adopted by the Prince William County Board of Supervisors this [Date].**