

Ordinance No. 2025-01
PUBLIC SEX ACT ORDINANCE

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this ordinance is to preserve and improve the peace, welfare, and comfort of the residents of Greene County, Iowa, by prohibiting the commission of sex acts in public places.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 "Covered area" means the unincorporated areas of Greene County, Iowa.
- 2.2 To "know" something means to be consciously aware of it.
- 2.3 "Public place" means a "public place" as defined in Iowa Code section 123.3(43).
- 2.4 "Public sex act" means a sex act committed by a person who knows, or reasonably should know, that the person is in, or in view of, a public place.
- 2.5 "Sex act" means a "sex act" as defined in either Iowa Code section 702.17 or Iowa Code section 717C.1(1)(b)(1), (2), or (3).

3. Public Sex Acts Prohibited

- 3.1 No person shall commit a public sex act in the covered area.

4. Penalty

- 4.1 Violation of the provision of this ordinance shall constitute a simple misdemeanor and the penalty for such violations shall be provided by the Iowa Code for simple misdemeanors.

5. Repealer Clause

- 5.1 All ordinances or parts thereof that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

6. Severability

- 6.1 If any section, provision, sentence, clause, phrase, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any provision, section, clause, phrase, or part hereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

7. Effective Date

- 7.1 This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Greene County Board of Supervisors on this 19th day of May, 2025

/s/ John J. Muir, Chair

ATTEST: Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor