

Give A Hand Up—Not A Hand Out

Saying “No” To Panhandlers Is The Right Thing To Do!

Panhandling is Unlawful

City Ordinance 96-188 and 11-6-14

Many Panhandlers Are Not Homeless

Giving Them Change May Support An Addiction

**Instead, Make A Change By Giving Your Change
To These Providers:**

**First Light, Jessie’s Place/Jimmie Hale Mission,
The Old Firehouse Shelter, Salvation Army & Others**

**For More Information About Panhandling Visit
www.capisdowntown.com**

or

www.yourcitycenter.com

**Have You Been Panhandled?
Call CAP at 251-0111 to Report the Incident**

Give A Hand Up, Note A Hand Out!

Did you know?

- **Panhandling is illegal**
- **Most panhandlers are not homeless**
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- **Giving panhandlers money may support an addiction**

What to do if you are panhandled:

- **Say “no” or just shake your head and walk on.**
- **If you feel inclined to say something other than “no” telling the person you do not carry change is also effective.**
- **Try to get a description of the panhandler and a general idea of where they are headed, then call CAP at 251-0001 to report the incident.**
- **CAP and ONB are making “Give a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out Flyers” available to businesses downtown and in Five Points South. Call ONB at 324-8797 to request a copy. You can also visit the ONB website at www.yourcitycenter.com to download a PDF copy of the flyer.**

According to City Ordinances 96-188 and 11-6-14 panhandling is unlawful:

- While loitering in a public place
- In an aggressive manner*
- On private property
- Using false information
- At any transportation facility or on any vehicle
- Using profane or abusive language
- Using two or more persons
- Using threatening gestures
- Using children
- After sunset and before sunrise
- With 30 feet of any:
 - Public restroom
 - Business entrance or exit
 - ATM
 - Bank deposit receptacle
 - Pay phone
 - Street vendor
 - Vending machine

**Aggressive manner means:*

Approaching in a manner that causes a reasonable person to fear for their safety;
Touching someone;
Continuously asking for money;
Blocking a person’s passage.

For a complete copy of the City ordinances regarding panhandling visit the ONB website at www.yourcitycenter.com