

CHANGE FOR A BETTER 5PTS



Giving CHANGE to panhandlers doesn't help CHANGE their lives – Giving CHANGE to charities that truly help those in need is what really CHANGES lives!

Join our efforts in providing meaningful CHANGE for those in need

So, the more you give your CHANGE to panhandlers, the less likely they are to CHANGE their lives for the better.

KNOW *the* LAW

It shall be unlawful for any person to beg, ask or solicit financial assistance, including money and other things of value;
(COB Ord. No. 96-188 Sec. 12-14-11)

- 4. **within 30** feet of any public restroom, ATM, night bank deposit, pay telephone, licensed street vendor or vending machine, or entrance or exit to any business establishment.
- 9. by using profane or abusive language; either during the **solicitation** or following a **refusal**.

(Sec. 12-14-13)

In addition to the limitation as set forth herein, any person who begs or causes another person to beg after sunset or before sunrise is in violation of this ordinance.

Panhandling is unlawful in **an aggressive manner**.
(COB Ord. No. 96-188 & 11-6-14)

Aggressive manner is the approaching in a manner that causes a reasonable person to fear **for their safety**. Also includes;

- Touching someone
- Continuously asking for money
- Blocking a person's passage

What to do when asked for **CHANGE...**

- Make eye contact and acknowledge the person with a nod
- Respond politely and simply say "NO" or "SORRY"
- Walk away with certainty and confidence

To make real **CHANGE** in the lives of panhandlers give your **CHANGE** to the local organizations and service providers who are committed to bringing long term solutions to those truly in need. To learn more contact one of the following organizations:

REMEMBER - Asking for money is illegal in the city of Birmingham. To report an illegal panhandler please contact the **Southside Police Precinct (205) 254-2793**.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Food Bank)

1016 19th Street South | 933-8381

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Clothing Closet/Hospitality Hour – 9-10 Mon.-Sat.)

1045 20th Street South | 933-8751

SOUTH HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN

(Shelter Ministry)

2035 Highland Ave South | 933-0790

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Supports many agencies and projects for those in need)

1910 12th Ave South | 933-1140

*This is not the solution
but the beginning to* **CHANGE.**

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