

or repeatedly committing acts of abusive behavior over a period of time by communication or causing a communication to be sent by mechanical or electronic means, posting statements or images on the Internet, through a computer network, or via cell or smart phone. Acts of abusive behavior shall include, but not be limited to: taunting; threatening; intimidating; insulting; tormenting; humiliating; disseminating sexually explicit photographs, either actual or modified, of a minor; disseminating the private, personal or sexual information, either factual or false, of a minor without lawful authority.

D. MINOR

Any natural person or individual under the age of 18.

E. PERSON

Any natural person, individual, corporation, unincorporated association, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint-stock association, or other entity or business organization of any kind.

4) Prohibited acts: it shall be unlawful for a person to engage in cyberbullying against any minor in Seneca County.

5) Penalties for offenses: any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 per offense and/or up to one year's imprisonment.

6) Severability: if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or article of this chapter shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such determination shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or article thereof directly involved in the proceeding in which such adjudication shall have been rendered.

7) Reverse preemption: this chapter shall be null and void on the day that statewide or federal legislation goes into effect, incorporating either the same or substantially similar provisions as are contained in this chapter or in the event that a pertinent state or federal administrative agency issues and promulgates regulations preempting such action by Seneca County. The County Legislature may determine via mere resolution whether or not identical or substantially similar statewide legislation has been enacted for the purposes of triggering the provisions of this section

8) Effective date: this local law shall take effect thirty days after filing in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.