

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO
OLATHE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 9
(THE OLATHE PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE)**

The proposed ordinance would create three new sections, amend eight sections, and repeal one section in the Olathe Public Offense Code (“Code”) in accordance with 2026 Kansas legislation. It also would make changes to one other section to align it with current state law and repeal three sections to address issues raised by the Olathe Police Department.

1. Amendments Based Upon 2026 Legislation

The proposed ordinance creates three new sections, amends eight sections, and repeals one section to reflect continuing state law and legislation passed by the 2026 Kansas Legislature:

- Sections 9.01.110 (General Definitions) and 9.07.170 (Criminal Use of a Financial Card) are amended to reflect changes made by 2026 HB 2347 adding gift cards to the crime of criminal use of a financial card. A redundant definition of “knife” is also removed from Section 9.01.110;
- Section 9.06.010 (Endangering a Child) is amended to reflect a change made by 2026 HB 2479 making the crime against a child under six years of age a felony offense;
- Section 9.07.010 (Theft) is amended to reflect provisions of 2026 HB 2413 and 2026 HB 2347 making the theft of livestock, implements of husbandry, grain, hay, or a motor vehicle valued between \$500 and \$1,500 a felony offense;
- Section 9.08.035 (Unlawful Approach of a First Responder) is created and Sections 9.08.030 (Interference With Law Enforcement) and 9.08.160 (Interference with Conduct of Public Business in Public Buildings or Facilities or on Public Lands) are amended to reflect the new crime created by 2026 Senate Substitute for HB 2372 and amendments made by the bill specifying that federal law enforcement officers are included in the definition of “law enforcement officer”;
- Section 9.10.020 (Breach of Privacy) is amended to reflect a clarification made by 2026 HB 2479 as to what constitutes “lawful authority” for purposes of the crime;
- Section 9.10.050 (Interference With the Conduct of a Religious Assembly) is created and Section 9.11.100 is amended to reflect the new crime created by 2026 Substitute for HB 2018; and

- Section 9.12.260 (Unlawful Use of a Laser Pointer) is created to reflect the new crime created by 2026 HB 2347.

2. Other Sections

The proposed ordinance also amends or repeals the following sections:

- Section 9.09.010 (Official Misconduct) is amended to align its wording with the current language of K.S.A. 21-6002.
- Sections 9.16.010 (Police Monitors), 9.16.020 (Police Monitors—Permit Required), and 9.16.030 (Permits Not Transferable) are repealed at the request of the Olathe Police Department.