



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 26 - OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY

N.C.G.S. § 14-190.9.

Indecent exposure.

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§ 14-190.9(a) Unless the conduct is punishable under subsection (a1) of this section, any person who shall willfully expose the private parts of his or her person in any public place and in the presence of any other person or persons, except for those places designated for a public purpose where the same sex exposure is incidental to a permitted activity, or aids or abets in any such act, or who procures another to perform such act; or any person, who as owner, manager, lessee, director, promoter or agent, or in any other capacity knowingly hires, leases or permits the land, building, or premises of which he is owner, lessee or tenant, or over which he has control, to be used for purposes of any such act, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

§ 14-190.9(a1)
CLASS H FELONY Unless the conduct is prohibited by another law providing greater punishment, any person at least 18 years of age who shall willfully expose the private parts of his or her person in any public place in the presence of a minor as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire shall be guilty of a Class H felony. An offense committed under this subsection shall not be considered to be a lesser included offense under G.S. 14-202.1.

§ 14-190.9(a2) Unless the conduct is prohibited by another law providing greater punishment, any person who shall willfully expose the private parts of his or her person in the presence of anyone other than a consenting adult on the private premises of another or so near thereto as to be seen from such private premises for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

§ 14-190.9(a4)

Unless the conduct is punishable by another law providing greater punishment, any person at least 18 years of age who shall willfully expose the private parts of his or her person in a private residence of which they are not a resident and in the presence of a minor as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 who is a resident of that private residence shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

§ 14-190.9(a5) Unless the conduct is prohibited by another law providing greater punishment, any person located in a private place who shall willfully expose the private parts of his or her person with the knowing intent to be seen by a person in a public place shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

§ 14-190.9(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a woman may breast feed in any public or private location where she is otherwise authorized to be, irrespective of whether the nipple of the mother's breast is uncovered during or incidental to the breast feeding.

§ 14-190.9(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local government may regulate the location and operation of sexually oriented businesses. Such local regulation may restrict or prohibit nude, seminude, or topless dancing to the extent consistent with the constitutional protection afforded free speech.

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APPARATUS I
8 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1971	c. 591, s. 1	ENACTED		
02	1993	c. 301, s. 1	AMENDED		
03	1993	c. 539, s. 124	AMENDED		
04	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED		
05	1998	S.L. 1998-46, s. 3	AMENDED		
06	2005	S.L. 2005-226, s. 1	AMENDED		

07	2015	S.L. 2015-250, ss. 2, 2.1, 2.3	AMENDED
08	2023	S.L. 2023-127, s. 3(e)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-190.13	(a1)	"of a minor as defined in"
G.S. 14-202.1	(a1)	"be a lesser included offense under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-190.9 (2023).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-190.9(a) (2023).

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