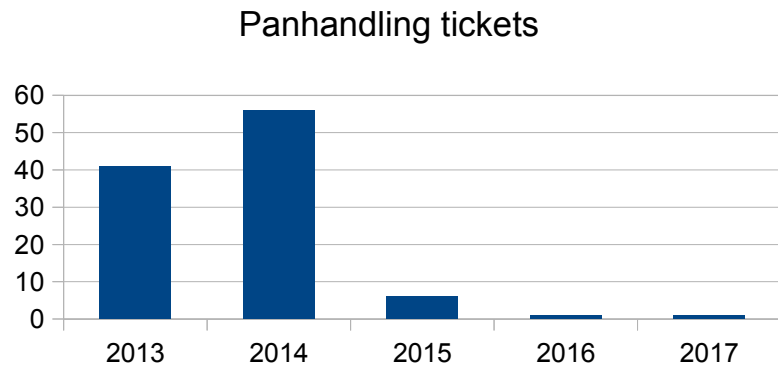


Panhandling tickets in Fort Collins, 2013-2017

year	tickets
2013	41
2014	56
2015	6
2016	1
2017	1



Notes:

- The ACLU sued the City of Fort Collins in early 2015, resulting in immediate and significant changes to the ordinance and to enforcement practices.

Text of Current Ordinance:

Sec. 17-127. - *Panhandling*.

(a) When used in this Section, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Subsection (a):

(1) **Knowingly** shall mean, with respect to the conduct or circumstances described in this Section, that a person is aware that such person's conduct is of that nature or that the circumstances exist. With respect to a result of such conduct, this means that a person is aware that such person's conduct is practically certain to cause the result.

(2) **Obscene** shall mean a blatantly offensive description of an ultimate sexual act or solicitation to commit an ultimate sexual act, whether or not such ultimate sexual act is normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including masturbation, cunnilingus, fellatio, anilingus or excretory functions.

(3) **Obstruct** shall mean to render impassible or to render passage unreasonably inconvenient or hazardous.

(4) **Panhandle** shall mean to knowingly approach, accost or stop another person in a public place and solicit that person, whether by spoken words, bodily gestures, written signs or other means, for a gift of money or thing of value.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to panhandle if such panhandling occurs:

(1) In a manner that involves the person panhandling knowingly engaging in conduct toward the person solicited that is intimidating, threatening, coercive or obscene and that causes the person solicited to reasonably fear for his or her safety;

(2) In a manner that involves the person panhandling knowingly directing fighting words to the person solicited;

(3) In a manner that involves the person panhandling knowingly touching or grabbing the person solicited; or

(4) On a sidewalk or other passage way in a public place used by pedestrians and is done in a manner that obstructs the passage of the person solicited or that requires the person solicited to take evasive action to avoid physical contact with the person panhandling or with any other person.

(Ord. No. 70, 1995, § 2, 6-6-95; [Ord. No. 040, 2015, § 2, 2-27-15](#).)