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ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 86 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II. PARADES, FESTIVALS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the section of the Code addressing parades, festivals and other special events; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these amendments appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 86 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article II. Parades, Festivals and Other Special Events, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 86-36. - Float regulations.

(a) Float size shall be as follows:

(1) A regular float shall not be less than 23 feet in length, not more than 12 feet in width and not more than 14 feet in height from the street level.

(2) An auxiliary float shall be any float that is smaller than a regular float as defined in this section.

(b) In a Carnival/Mardi Gras parade, each float shall depict the theme, color, design and overall composition as dictated by the captain of the krewe.

(c) Every float must have at least one ten-pound or two five-pound Underwriters list ABC Fire Extinguishers or in compliance with the state Fire Safety Code, whichever is more restrictive.

(d) Every float, except for an auxiliary float, shall have at least one ladder or built-in steps for accessing the float.

(e) Every float shall have a properly designed and placed safety chain between it and the vehicle pulling it.

(f) Every float, except auxiliary floats, which carries riders shall contain an approved sanitary facility sufficient to accommodate the number of riders thereon. All waste contents must be disposed of in a proper manner at the

expense of the parade organization. This shall not include floats ridden solely by the king and queen.

(g) Every float in a night parade shall be well illuminated in such a way as not to cause a safety hazard. Direct lighting shall not be focused toward the spectators.

(h) All decorations and attachments of every float shall be securely fastened with no sharp, pointed or cornered objects on the exterior.

(i) Every float shall be pulled by a mule, horse, tractor, or other vehicle presenting a full view of the operator. The operator must have visible access to the front and side of the vehicle in his control.

(j) Generators shall be utilized in conformance with the fire department requirements.

(k) No float and/or participant shall display any political sign or endorsement of any candidate for elective office or endorsement of any issue to be voted on or inappropriate decorations or signs.

(l) No parade participant during the staging, parading, or disbanding of the parade, shall hand out, throw or distribute in any way any sexually oriented device or paraphernalia.

Sec. 86-46. Music.

At no time during staging, parading and/or disbanding, shall any participant play any vulgar, sexually explicit or offensive music and/or language.

~~**Sec. 86-46.**~~ Sec. 86-47. - **Violations; penalties.**

(a) Any organization that ~~violates~~ allows or permits the violation of any of the provisions of this ~~article shall~~ section may have its permit for the following and subsequent years revoked by the mayor. Any alleged violation must be addressed and responded to by the City Administration within thirty days of the report of the violation.

(b) Any individual who violates any of the provisions of this ~~article~~ section may ~~also~~ be punished as provided in section 1-8 of this Code and shall be subject to immediate removal from the parade. Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

(c) Any organization that allows or permits a violation of any provisions of this section may be punished as provided in section 1-8 of this Code. Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Chapter 86 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Verret, seconded by Ludwig.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 1 (Botsford)

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 2020.

LARRY ROLLING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
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COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 9th day of December, 2020, at 9:15 o'clock A.M.

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COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 9th day of December, 2020.

MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 9th day of December, 2020, at 2 o'clock 45 P.M.

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COUNCIL CLERK