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INTRODUCTION

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

WHEREAS, a certain amendment has been suggested to the section of the Code addressing Parades, Festivals and Other Special Events; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems this amendment 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. 86-33. Special event permit application; review.

(d) An insurance binder naming the city as an additional insured must be attached to the permit application and the insurance certificate must be delivered to city hall 30 days prior to the event. The insurance policy shall have minimum limits of ~~$500,000.00~~ *$1,000,000.00* liability coverage and ~~$50,000.00~~ *$100,000.00* property damage.

(h) The city council shall have the right, but not the obligation, by resolution, to issue any additional permits for Carnival/Mardi Gras parades to new Mardi Gras parade organizations that conform with the provisions contained in this section under one or more of the following conditions:

(1) The city council determination that any new Carnival/Mardi Gras parade does not cause a strain upon municipal resources.

(2) Any new Mardi Gras parade organization shall reimburse the city ~~and fire district~~ all expenses incurred by the production of the parade.

(i) Every Mardi Gras parade organization seeking to parade shall have been duly chartered by the state for at least 12 months prior to making application for a special event permit to the ~~special events committee.~~ cultural arts and events department.

Sec. 86-34. Action on permit application; alternative permits; notice; appeal.

(a) Written notice of the decision of the mayor to approve or deny an application for a special event permit shall be mailed by certified mail to applicant at the address provided on the application within 30 business days of receipt by the ~~committee~~ cultural arts and events department of a complete permit application and of any additional information regarding the event as it may require of the applicant. All events that require city council approval shall be submitted to the city council within ten days after the review by the special events coordinator.

Sec. 86-35. Parade route.

(a) *Parade route.* An organization sponsoring a parade which desires to use the public rights-of-way to parade in the city shall submit an application for a special event permit. The application shall include a request for a specific parade route and be made at least 45 days prior to the parade date except for applications for Carnival/Mardi Gras parades, which must be received by the ~~event coordinator at city hall~~. Cultural arts and events department. The police department, fire department and public works departments reserve the right to recommend to the mayor any changes in the routes when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the city.

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~~ 14'8" 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.

(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. The driver should have access to the extinguishers.

(h) All decorations and attachments of every float shall be securely fastened with no sharp, pointed, or cornered objects on the exterior. No external auxiliary speakers shall be attached in any manner to the exterior of any float.

Sec. 86-42. Attire and characterization.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or vape while on a float, truck, horse, auxiliary vehicle, or any other vehicle which is designated to participate in the parade in the assembly area, during the parade and disbanding area.

Sec. 86-43. Throws during parade.

(g) No confetti shall be used in any manner before, during and after the parade.

(h) No silly string or any flammable aerosol sprays

(k) Any persons or riders not in compliance with this section shall be removed from the parade by the captain, float lieutenant, parade marshal, or the city police department.

~~(l) Any person not in compliance with any regulation contained in this section may be removed from the parade by the float lieutenant, parade marshal or the city police department.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Chapter 86, Article II. Parades, Festivals and Other Special Events 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.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Rolling seconded by Verret.

YEAS: 7 **ABSENT:** 0

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2023.

/s/
LARRY ROLLING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/
JOANN D RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 6th day of December, 2023, at 8:55 o'clock A.M.

/s/
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor this 6th day of December, 2023.

/s/
MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 6th day of December, 2023, at 10:50 o'clock A.M.

/s/
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK