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# ADOPTION

# INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-23

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON  
AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE  
COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES:  
CHAPTER 46 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION,  
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL, SEC. 46-5. FIREWORKS**

**WHEREAS**, certain amendments have been suggested to the Covington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 Fire Prevention and Protection, regarding fireworks; 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 46 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I. In General, Sec. 46-5. Fireworks, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 46-5. Fireworks.**

(a) *Definitions.* The term "pyrotechnics," whenever used in this section, shall be held to mean any sparkler, squib, rocket, firecracker, Roman candle, signal lights, fireworks, or other devices or composition used to obtain visible or audible pyrotechnic display.

(b) *Discharge of pyrotechnics.* The discharge of commercially-purchased pyrotechnics shall be allowed as follows:

**Fourth of July:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10 A.M. until 1 A.M. on July 4<sup>th</sup>  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – 10 A.M. until 11 P.M.  
July 5<sup>th</sup> – 10 A.M. until 11 P.M.

**New Year's Eve/New Year's Day:** December 30<sup>th</sup> – 10 A.M. until 11 P.M.  
December 31<sup>st</sup> – 10 A.M. until 1 A.M. on January 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 1<sup>st</sup> -- 10 A.M. until 11 P.M.  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10 A.M. until 11 P.M.

(b) (c) *Unlawful.* It shall be unlawful for any person to have, keep, store, use, manufacture, or offer to sell, handle, or transport any pyrotechnics within the corporate limits except as provided in this section, it being the intention of this section to prohibit the sale of, or distribution of, or discharge of pyrotechnics of any kind or description whatsoever within the

- 1 corporate limits. **In addition, the release of any lantern, balloon or other device, which contains**  
2 **a lighted candle, fire or flame and which rises into the air, is prohibited.**  
3 **(e) (d) Exceptions.** Nothing contained in this section shall be held to apply to:  
4 (1) The possession or use of signaling devices for current daily consumption by  
5 railroads, trucks or vessels requiring them.  
6 (2) Pyrotechnic display of fireworks in public parks or other ~~open places~~, **public**  
7 **property**, where a permit for such display has been issued by the ~~city secretary~~, **department**  
8 **of cultural arts and events and approved by the mayor or his designee.**  
9 (3) The possession, sale or use of normal stacks of flashlight compositions by  
10 photographers or dealers in photographic supplies.  
11 **(e) Whoever violates provisions of this section shall be punished in accordance with**  
12 **section 1-8 of this Code.**  
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15 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other sections of Chapter 46 Fire  
16 Prevention and Protection shall remain the same and in full force.

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

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

25 **MOVED FOR ADOPTION** by Rolling, seconded by Wright.

26 **YEAS:** 6 **ABSENT:** 1 (Callahan)

27 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

28 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

  
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
COUNCIL CLERK

1 Presented to the Mayor on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock  
2 P.M.  
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5 Bonnie D. Champagne  
6 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
7 COUNCIL CLERK

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9 Approved  or Vetoed  by the Mayor on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.  
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12 Michael B. Cooper  
13 MICHAEL B. COOPER  
14 MAYOR  
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17 Received from the Mayor on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, at 7:05 o'clock  
18 P.M.  
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