

ORDINANCE NO.: 64-2022
INTRODUCED BY: All of Council (Lentine, Alexander, Bell, Council President
Jordan, Lewis, Nelson & Ursu) & Mayor Thomas

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1519.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION, OR EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS AT ALL TIMES AND DATES, INCLUDING CERTAIN DAYS EACH YEAR PURSUANT TO STATE LAW.

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly recently adopted Sub. House Bill 172;

WHEREAS, Sub. House Bill 172 amended Ohio R.C. 3743.45 to allow any person authorized to possess 1.4 G fireworks in Ohio and to discharge, ignite, or explode those fireworks on private property on ten (10) specific days of the year;

WHEREAS, Sub. House Bill 172, however, permits municipal corporations to restrict and/or ban the discharge, ignition, or explosion of fireworks in the municipality and to also to restrict and/or ban such activities on the specific days authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.45;

WHEREAS, this Council desires to continue to prohibit the discharge, ignition, or explosion of fireworks in the City to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Richmond Heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Section 1519.07(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights is hereby amended as follows:

“1519.07 POSSESSION, SALE, DISCHARGE AND ADVERTISING; FALSIFICATION.

(b) Except as provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.80 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance, and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 through 3743.55 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance, no person shall discharge, ignite, or explode any fireworks in this Municipality. **Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.45(D) this prohibition applies to ban the discharge, ignition, or explosion of all fireworks purchased pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.45 within this Municipality on all dates and at all times, including any and all of the dates set forth in Ohio R.C. 3743.45(B).**”

Section 2: Section 1519.07(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: May 10, 2022

APPROVED: May 10, 2022



Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council



Bobby Jordan
President of Council