

On motion of Ms. Van Vrancken, seconded by Ms. Lee-Sheng, the following ordinance was offered:

SUMMARY NO. 24637 ORDINANCE NO. 25273

An ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 6, Article V of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances relative to Carnival/Mardi Gras and Other Parades and to provide for related matters. (Council District 1 & 5)

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this ordinance to maintain the quality, standards and rich tradition of the Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season on the East Bank and the West Bank of Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise and reorganize various sections of Chapter 6, Article V to make the ordinance more user friendly and accessible to the public.

THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 6-75 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances be hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-75. – Number of permits.

(a) There shall be a limit to the number of float parade organizations given permits to conduct Carnival/Mardi Gras Parades during the official Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season for each year. The ability to receive a permit is expressly limited to the Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades listed here-in-below, subject to change as expressly provided for in this section.

(1) *East Bank* :

- a. Argus.
- b. Atlas.
- c. Caesar.
- d. Centurions.
- e. Excalibur.
- f. Isis.
- g. Napoleon.
- h. Athena.
- i. Pandora.
- j. (Reserved).
- k. (Reserved).
- l. (Reserved).

(2) *West Bank*:

- a. Adonis.
- b. (Reserved).

(b) Should any of the above twelve (12) East Bank Float parade organizations fail to (1) timely apply for a permit for any Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade season, or (2) parade in any Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade season for any reason, including revocation of their permit, and other than for reasons beyond their control, then their ability to receive a permit may be cancelled for that year and for all subsequent years. In no event shall the number of East Bank Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades exceed twelve (12). If the number of East Bank Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades decreases to below twelve (12) then a new float parade organization(s) may apply for a permit(s) with the office. The first float parade organization(s) to request a permit, once an opening becomes available and to satisfy all requirements for a Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade, shall receive the available permit(s).

(c) Should any of the above two (2) West Bank Float parade organizations fail to (1) timely apply for a permit for any Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season, or (2) parade in any Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season thereafter for any reason, including revocation of their permit, and other than for reasons beyond their control, then their ability to receive a permit may be cancelled for that year and for all subsequent years. If the number of West Bank Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades decreases to

below two (2) then a new float parade organization(s) may apply for a permit(s) with the office. The first float parade organization(s) to request a permit once an opening becomes available and to satisfy all requirements for a Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade shall receive the available permit(s).

- (1) There shall be a maximum of two (2) West Bank Float Parade organizations.
- (d) No Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade shall be staged other than on a Carnival/Mardi Gras event day as defined in section 6-67; unless an alternate date has been approved by the office and by the sheriff's office as an alternate date. The permit issued by the office of carnival and special events to a float parade organization to parade on the same event day that another float parade organization is permitted to parade shall designate the order in which the parades are to be conducted.
- (e) In addition to the number of parades permitted above, there shall be no more than two (2) permits issued to truck parade organizations: the Krewe of Jefferson and the Krewe of Elks of Jeffersonians. Should any of the aforementioned truck parade organizations (1) fail to timely apply for a permit for any Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season, (2) have its permit revoked, or (3) fail to parade, other than for reasons beyond its control, then said organization's ability to apply for such a permit may be cancelled for that year and for all subsequent years. The first truck parade organization to request a permit(s) once an opening becomes available and to satisfy all the requirements for truck parades shall receive the available permit.
- (f) A truck parade organization, referred to in subparagraph (e), desiring to participate in Mardi Gras shall, by letter, apply to the office for such permit on or before May 1st. An application, on forms provided by the office shall be submitted prior to June 15th. Said applications shall include the name and address of the organization and the name, address and telephone number of the captain; a schedule of proposed fees that will be charged to each truck along with the names of the charities that will benefit from funds in excess of the parade requirements; and the name and address of each truck group including the captain's name, address and telephone number. Each designated float parade organization shall coordinate its parade activities with the office.
- (g) By resolution, the council is authorized to delete and/or substitute the name of those organizations authorized to parade during the Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season as set out in subparagraphs (a) and (e) of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 6-80 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-80. - Bands.

- (a) (1) Each float parade organization shall contract for the minimum of ten (10) units to participate in its parade. Of the ten (10) units, at least seven (7) must be traditional marching bands (middle, junior, high school, college, military, and/or university marching bands) composed of no fewer than thirty (30) musicians per marching band.
 - (2) The remainder of the musical units necessary to comply with the provisions of this section may consist of rolling or walking jazz bands, mechanical calliopes, fife and drum units such as those accompanying dance schools and may appear in any combination. Additionally, any other musical group which, in the opinion of the office, is comparable in quality to these types of groups shall count toward the number of musical units necessary to comply with the provisions of this section.
 - (3) However, notwithstanding the provisions of section 6-80(a)(1) above, beginning with the year 2018, the number of traditional marching bands of the ten (10) units with which each float parade organization must contract shall increase by one (1) per year, such that float parade organizations shall contract with no fewer than eight (8) traditional marching bands for the year 2018, with no fewer than nine (9) traditional marching bands for the year 2019, and with no fewer than ten (10) for the year 2020.
- (b) Each band or marching unit that contains at least one (1) person under the age of eighteen (18) shall provide a minimum of one (1) adult chaperon per every fifteen (15) participants, regardless of age. Each band chaperon shall be at least twenty-

one (21) years old and be recognized by wearing identification approved by the carnival office and worn on the outer garment.

- (c) The parades which are rescheduled because of inclement weather should endeavor to comply with the provisions of this subsection but shall not be required to provide the minimum number of bands required in sub paragraph (a).

The foregoing ordinance, having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: None ABSENT: None

And the ordinance was declared by the Jefferson Parish Council acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana on this the 7th day of December 2016, and shall become effective as follows: if signed forthwith by the Parish President, ten (10) days after adoption, thereafter upon signature by the Parish President or, if not signed by the Parish President upon expiration of the time for ordinances to be considered finally adopted without the signature of the Parish President, as provided in Section 2.07 of the Charter. If vetoed by the Parish President and subsequently approved by the Council, this Ordinance shall become effective on the day of such approval.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY



EULA A. LOPEZ
PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL