

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

SUMMARY NO. 25075 ORDINANCE NO. 25688

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. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this ordinance to maintain and improve the quality, standards, experience, and rich tradition of the Metairie Mardi Gras/Carnival Parade Season;

THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 1, Section 6-67 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to clarify the definitions of Carnival/Mardi Gras event day and Carnival/Mardi Gras parade season and to include in the alphabetical listing an additional definition thereto, to read as follows:

Sec. 6-67. – Definitions.

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Carnival/Mardi Gras event day is any one (1) of the following days: any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday during the Carnival/Mardi Gras parade season; the Monday before Mardi Gras (Lundi Gras); or Mardi Gras Day itself.

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Carnival/Mardi Gras parade season is designated as that period beginning with the second Friday before Mardi Gras (Family Gras Friday) and continuing through Mardi Gras Day, both inclusive.

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Family Gras/Mardi Gras event day is any one (1) of the following days: the second Friday, second Saturday, or second Sunday before Mardi Gras (Family Gras Friday, Family Gras Saturday, or Family Gras Sunday); or Mardi Gras Day itself.

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SECTION 2. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 3, Section 6-75 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-75. – Number of Permits.

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- (1) East Bank:
 - a. Argus.
 - b. Athena.
 - c. Caesar.
 - d. Centurions.
 - e. Excalibur.
 - f. Isis.
 - g. Kings.
 - h. Madhatters.
 - i. Pandora.
 - j. (Reserved).
 - k. (Reserved).

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(b) Should any of the above eleven (11) 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 eleven (11). If the number of East Bank Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades decreases to below eleven (11) 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).

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(d) No Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade shall be staged other than on a Family Gras/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. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the krewes of Centurions, Isis, Athena, and Pandora may stage their respective krewe's annual parade on any Carnival/Mardi Gras event day.

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SECTION 3. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 3, Section 6-76 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-76. – Application for Permit.

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(a) Applications for parade permits shall be received by the office no later than the month of July in the year prior to the annual Carnival/Mardi Gras parade season. Krewes shall submit the following documentation to the office along with the application:

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(2) A copy of the krewe's articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation are only required for the application of any krewe applying to receive a permit for the first time;

(3) If required to be filed, a copy of the krewe's current annual report as filed with the Louisiana Secretary of State or current certificate of good standing issued by the Louisiana Secretary of State; and

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(f) Each float parade organization and truck parade organization seeking a permit to parade shall have been duly chartered by the Office of Louisiana Secretary of State prior to making application to the office.

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SECTION 4. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 4, Section 6-80 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-80. – Bands.

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(4) Further, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, eligible krewes may receive some or all of the following incentives:

a. For any krewe permitted to parade on a Family Gras/Mardi Gras event day, the required minimum number of traditional marching bands shall be reduced by two (2) bands;

b. For any new krewe permitted to parade on a Family Gras/Mardi Gras event day, the required minimum number of traditional marching bands shall be additionally reduced by two (2) bands for the first permitted year and by one (1) band for the second permitted year; and

c. For any krewe permitted to parade immediately before or immediately after the parade of another krewe, the required minimum number of traditional marching bands shall be reduced by two (2) bands.

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SECTION 5. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 1, Section 6-82 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-82. – Floats.

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(e) Each float shall at minimum have a three-eighth-inch (3/8th inch) safety chain, connected by a weld or appropriate size shackle, and placed between the float and the pull vehicle; said shackle must be attached to the structure of the pulled vehicle. Float providers shall be responsible for ensuring chains and shackles have sufficient capacity to accommodate the anticipated pull load of a fully-weighted float, complete with riders and throws.

SECTION 6. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 4, Section 6-83 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-83. – Generators.

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- (15) To further improve upon parade safety and the safe use of generators, the Fire Department may adopt additional rules and regulations with respect to generators, including but not limited to the prohibition of generators where appropriate.

SECTION 7. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 4, Section 6-84 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-84. – Horses and Mules.

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- (i) No horse bearing a rider will be permitted to participate in a parade unless it is wearing appropriate, properly fitted and well-maintained horseshoes, as verified by a Jefferson Parish Animal Control Officer, unless the rider can present certification from a veterinarian that the horse is in overall good health, its hoofs are capable of withstanding a five-mile ride on a concrete surface, and it is not in the animal's best interest to be shod. Ponies are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

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SECTION 8. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 4, Section 6-95 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-95. – Truck-floats.

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- (g) Truck parade participants shall not be permitted to ride unless they are constantly costumed and masked. Participants with painted faces shall be considered as masked if the face painting disguises facial characteristics in the same manner as a mask. No participant shall be considered as masked by the wearing of sunglasses.

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- (k) Generators, should they not be prohibited by the Fire Department, shall be utilized in conformance with the prevailing fire department requirements.

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SECTION 9. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 6, Section 6-103 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-103. – Violations and Penalties.

- (a) *Class I violations (major violations):*

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- (2) A revocation of a float or truck parade organization's permit eliminates that organization's ability to receive a permit under [section 6-75\(a\)](#) or [6-75\(e\)](#) respectively. Should the number of parades fall below the maximum number of parades allowable under [section 6-75](#) then said organization may apply for a permit; however, its status is equal to any other new float parade organization that wishes to apply. The issuance of this permit will be governed by [section 6-75\(b\)](#).

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- (b) *Class II violations (intermediate violations):*

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- (c) *Class III violations (minor violations):*

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- (2) A Class III violation of [section 6-70\(a\)](#) shall not occur unless twenty (20) or more participants are not constantly costumed or masked as required throughout the ride. Should it be determined that twenty (20) or more riders are in violation of subsection [6-70\(a\)](#), a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine shall be levied against the carnival krewe. Individual riders shall be subject to removal; for each additional group of twenty (20) riders in such violation, a separate fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be levied.

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SECTION 10. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 7, Sections 6-106–108 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-106. – Little Rascals Parade.

- (a) The Little Rascals Parade is hereby authorized to conduct annually their parade at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the first Sunday before the official Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season. The route for said parade, which shall be approved by the Office, shall be a substantially-abridged version of a route approved for use by a krewe within that year's Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season.

Sec. 6-107. – St. Patrick's Parade.

- (a) The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is hereby authorized to conduct annually the St. Patrick's Parade at 12:00 p.m. (noon) either on the first Sunday immediately preceding St. Patrick's Day or on St. Patrick's Day, if said day falls on a Sunday. The route for said parade is hereby established as follows: Parade to form at the intersection of 41st Street and Severn Avenue, to proceed south to the intersection of Metairie Road and Severn Avenue; thence, in an easterly direction along Metairie Road to Focis Street; then to Canal Street, where the parade will disband at the direction of the parade marshals in conjunction with the sheriff's office.
- (b) Bayou Metairie Park on Metairie Road between Metairie Lawn and Labarre Road is designated as the St. Patrick's Parade reviewing stand area.

Sec. 6-108. – Irish-Italian Parade.

- (a) The Irish-Italian Parade Committee is hereby authorized to conduct annually the Irish–Italian Parade at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the first Sunday following St. Patrick's Day. The route for said parade, which shall be approved by the Office, shall be an abridged version of a route approved for use by a krewe within that year's Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season.
- (b) Veterans Memorial Plaza's public area on the south side of the north roadway of Veterans Boulevard between Causeway Boulevard and Severn Avenue is designated as Irish-Italian Parade reviewing stand areas.

SECTION 11. That Chapter 6, Article V, Division 7, Section 6-109 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-109. – Exceptions.

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- (j) The Parish shall not require participants in Other Parades, e.g. Little Rascals Parade, St. Patrick's Parade, Irish-Italian Parade, etc., to be masked.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: None ABSENT: None

This ordinance was declared to be adopted on the 24th day of October, 2018, 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