

CITY RESOLUTION NO. CR-012-2021

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL CONDEMNING THE USE
OF BALLOON RELEASES AS PART OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EVENT,
PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY, OR OTHER CELEBRATORY OR MEMORIAL
GATHERING AND ENCOURAGING THE USE OF OTHER ECO-FRIENDLY AND
SAFE ALTERNATIVES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council (“City Council”), that:

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette finds that the release into the atmosphere of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases (“Balloon Releases”) poses a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette also finds that Balloon Releases are known to cause power outages and have recently caused at least one major power outage in the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette recognizes the need for its citizens, from time to time, to conduct a public or private event, promotional activity, or other celebratory or memorial gathering, but desires to protect the environment and avoid power outages by condemning the use of Balloon Releases at said events and encouraging the use of other available eco-friendly and safe alternatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforementioned “Whereas” clauses in the preamble of this resolution are adopted as part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The City of Lafayette hereby condemns the use of Balloon Releases as part of a public or private event, promotional activity, or other celebratory or memorial gathering.

SECTION 3: The City of Lafayette encourages and supports the use of other available eco-friendly and safe alternatives to the use of Balloon Releases, said alternatives include but are not limited to, the releasing of flowers on water, the blowing of bubbles, the use of candlelight vigils, and the planting of trees.

SECTION 4: All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to the Lafayette City Council for vote, the results were as follows:

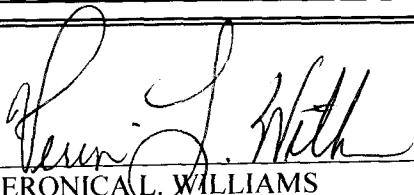
YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of October, 2021.


VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL CLERK



Internal Memorandum

Legal Department

TO: Veronica Williams, Clerk of the Council
CC: Nannette Cook, City Councilwoman, District 4
FROM: Paul D. Escott, Assistant City-Parish Attorney
SUBJECT: City Resolution – Balloon Release
October 5, 2021 Meeting – Introduction
October 5, 2021 Meeting – Final Adoption

DATE: September 22, 2021

Vee,

At the request and on behalf of City Councilwoman, Nanette Cook, I submit the following, to wit:

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On her behalf, I respectfully request that this City Resolution be placed on the October 5, 2021 Meeting Agendas for consideration, introduction and adoption by the City Council.


Paul D. Escott
Assistant City-Parish Attorney

LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST: A Resolution of the Lafayette City Council condemning the use of balloon releases as part of a public or private event, promotional activity, or other celebratory or memorial gathering and encouraging the use of other eco-friendly and safe alternatives

2) ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of City Resolution

3) COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (if applicable): N/A

4) REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:

A) INTRODUCTION: October 5, 2021

B) FINAL ADOPTION: October 5, 2021

5) DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:

A) Cover Memo (1 page)

B) Resolution (1 page)

C) Agenda Item Submittal Form (1 page)

6) FISCAL IMPACT:

 Fiscal Impact

 X No Fiscal Impact

AUTHORED BY:

Nanette Cook
City Councilwoman, District 4

SUBMITTED BY:


Paul D. Escott
Assistant City-Parish Attorney