

ORDINANCE NO: _____

PARADE PERMIT ORDINANCE OF
THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA

Section 1. Soliciting Persons to Engage in Unauthorized Parades, Processions, Etc. It shall be unlawful for anyone publicly to solicit persons to gather at any place for the purpose of engaging in a parade, procession or other public demonstration on the streets unless a permit for such parade, procession or other public demonstration has been previously secured as required by this ordinance or other ordinances of the city.

Section 2. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply for purposes herein.

- (a) Parade – A public procession including bands and floats. ALL PARADES SHALL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 40 UNITS.
- (b) Floats – A decorated platform used to carry an exhibit in a parade, whether built or mounted on a vehicle or towed behind one.
- (c) Unit – the following shall be considered a unit for parades:
 - 1. Floats – Each float is one (1) unit.
 - 2. Tandem Floats – Each float connected or joined to another float will count as an additional unit.
 - 3. Band, Flag Corps, and JROTC – One (1) unit unless split. Then each section is a unit.
 - 4. Auto clubs – Each vehicle is fifteen (15) unit.
 - 5. Shriner's Keystone Kops and Clown Motorcycles – One (1) unit unless split, then each section is one unit. Clown motorcycles shall not pass floats or bands. Limit of ten (10) motors per unit.
 - 6. Other vehicles – Unless attached to a float, each vehicle shall be one (1) unit.
 - 7. Animals – Each large animal (i.e. elephants) or each group of 15 smaller animals (i.e. 15 horses) shall be one (1) unit and any additional posse other than the Prichard Auxiliary Mounted Police Posse or Mobile County Sheriff's Posse shall be one (1) unit.
 - 8. Miscellaneous Pedestrians – Each group of twenty (20), or any portion thereof, shall be one (1) unit.
 - 9. Dance Troop – A group of 5 or more people dancing together in the parade under a unified theme. Each dance troop shall be (1) unit,

unless split. Then the section is a unit. Also troop shall be chaperone by a ratio of 5 dancers to 1 chaperone and troop shall provide an emergency plan.

10. Color Guards – Other than the primary one leading the parade shall be one (1) unit.

11. Motorcade - a procession of motor vehicles, typically carrying and escorting a prominent person.

(d) Organization - An organized group involves a number of people doing something together in a structured way, rather than doing it by themselves. (i.e. alliance, army, assemblage, association, band, body, brigade, bunch, camp, caucus, circle, clique, colony, community, corps, crew, crowd, delegation, entourage, faction, flash mob, fraternity, gang, group, harem, herd, league, movement, organization, pack, party, posse, ring, society, think tank, etc.

Section 3. Parade Permits. No person shall engage in, aid, form or start any parade or other public demonstration on the streets of the City of Prichard, unless a parade permit shall have been obtained from the police department.

Section 4. Application. A person seeking issuance of a parade permit shall file an application thereof with the police chief on forms provided by him that have been approved by the governing body of the City of Prichard.

Section 5. Application Filing Period. An application for a parade permit shall be filed with the police department not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date on which it is proposed to conduct the parade.

Section 6. Application Contents. The application for a parade permit shall set forth the following information:

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the person seeking to conduct such parade;
- (b) If the parade is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization, and of the authorized and responsible heads of such organization;
- (c) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be the parade chairman and who will be responsible for its conduct;
- (d) The date when the parade is to be conducted;
- (e) The route to be traveled, the starting point and the termination point;
- (f) The approximate number of persons who, and animals and vehicles which will constitute such parade; the type of animals, and a description of the vehicles;
- (g) The hours when such parade will start and terminate;

- (h) A statement as to whether the parade will occupy all or a portion of the width of the streets proposed to be traversed;
- (i) The location by streets of any assembly areas for such parade;
- (j) The time at which units of the parade will begin to assemble at any such assembly areas;
- (k) The interval of space to be maintained between units of such parade;
- (l) If the parade is designed to be held by and on behalf of or for any person other than the applicant, the applicant for such permit shall file with the police department a communication in writing from the person proposing to hold the parade, authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on his behalf;
- (m) Provide proof of parade insurance.
- (n) Any additional information which the police department shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued.

Section 7. Permit Fee. There shall be paid at the time of filing the application for a parade permit, a nonrefundable fee in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) For all parades other than Mardi Gras parades (i.e. motorcades) – seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per officer.
- (b) For all Mardi Gras parades (parades to be held between January 1 of each year and the day commonly known as Ash Wednesday) – fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) per parade organization. **See Section 2 subsection d**

Section 8. Permits. – Standards For Issuance. The police department shall issue a permit as provided for under the provisions of this article when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as many otherwise be obtained it finds that:

- (a) The conduct of the parade will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route;
- (b) The conduct of the parade will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers of the city to properly police the line of movement to the city;
- (c) The conduct of such parade will not require the diversion of so great a number of ambulances as to prevent normal ambulance service to portions of the city other than that to be occupied by the proposed line of march and areas contiguous thereto;
- (d) The concentration of persons, animals and vehicles at assembly points of the parade will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection of, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to such assembly areas;
- (e) The conduct of such parade will not interfere with the movement of firefighting equipment in route to a fire;

- (f) The conduct of the parade is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property, to provoke disorderly conduct or create a disturbance;
- (g) The parade is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of termination expeditiously and without unreasonable delays enroute;
- (h) The parade is not to be held for the sole purpose of advertising any product, goods, or event, and is not designed to be held purely for private profit;
- (i) The parade can be terminated in case of any violations of this ordinance and all fees are nonrefundable.

Section 9. Action by Police Department; Notice of Denial. The police chief shall have the authority to revoke a parade permit issued under the provisions of this ordinance upon failure of the applicants or participants to comply with the standards for issuance. The police department shall act upon the application for a parade permit within five (5) days after the filing thereof. If the police department disapproves the application, the police chief shall mail to the applicant within six (6) days after the date upon which the application was filed a notice of the police department's action, stating the reason for denial of the permit.

Section 10. Alternative Permit. The police department, in denying an application for a parade permit, shall be empowered to authorize the conduct of the parade on a date, at a time, or over a route different from that named by the applicant. An applicant desiring to accept an alternative permit shall, within three (3) days after notice of the action of the police department, file a written notice of acceptance with the police chief. An alternative parade permit shall conform to the requirements of and shall have the effect of a parade permit under this article.

Section 11. Notice of Issuance to City and Other Officials. Immediately upon the issuance of a parade permit, the police chief shall send a copy thereof to the following:

- (a) The city clerk;
- (b) The city attorney;
- (c) The city council;
- (d) The council attorney;
- (e) The fire chief;

Section 12. Contents of Permit. Each parade permit shall state the following information:

- (a) Starting time;
- (b) Minimum speed;
- (c) Maximum speed;
- (d) Maximum interval of space to be maintained between the units of the parade;
- (e) The portions of the streets to be maintained that may be occupied by the parade;
- (f) The maximum length of the parade in miles or fractions thereof;

(g) Such other information as the police department shall find necessary to the enforcement of this article.

Section 13. Duties of Permittee; Possession of Permit. A permittee under the provisions of this ordinance shall comply with all permit directions and conditions and with all applicable laws and ordinances. The parade chairman or other person heading or leading such activity shall carry the parade permit upon his person during the conduct of the parade. Permittee, as a condition to the issuance of permit, shall execute any applicable insurance and hold harmless agreements with the City of Prichard prior to the issuance of a permit. For which, permittee, among other provisions and recitals, shall indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the city, its affiliates, its elected officials, officers, employees, and volunteers against all claims, damages or liability arising out of or in connection with the activities permitted by or related to the issuance of said permit.

Section 14. Repealer. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in direct conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 15. Severability. Should any part, section, subsection, sentence, provision, clause, or phrase hereof be held invalid, void, or unconstitutional for any reason, such holding shall not render invalid, void, or unconstitutional any other section, subsection, sentence, provision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, and the same are deemed severable for this purpose.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Ordinance Shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of March, 2019.

DERRICK GRIFFIN, Council President

APPROVED this the _____ day of March, 2019.

JIMMIE GARDNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KIM GREEN, City Clerk