

ORDINANCE NO. 2846

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CORSIANA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, *OFFENSES AND
NUISANCES*, TO ESTABLISH ARTICLE 7.800, *RESTRICTIONS FOR
PUBLIC EVENTS*, OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, the City Council has conducted a public hearing for the purpose of considering the amendment to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Corsicana, Texas.

WHEREAS, animals, skateboards, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, and other items shall be prohibited within the area or boundary of a City-authorized special event; prohibiting interfering with event barricades or signs; prohibiting criminal trespass within an event area; prescribing certain exceptions; and setting penalties.

WHEREAS, the City of Corsicana desires to create a safe environment for the general public who seek to participate in or attend City-authorized special events; and

WHEREAS, typically, there are large crowds associated with City-authorized special events in a relatively small designated area. Items brought by members of the public to be in very close proximity to other event attendees may cause safety concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Corsicana, Texas, that Chapter 7, entitled *Offenses and Nuisances*, of the City Code of Ordinances be amended to add Article 7.800, *Restrictions for Public Events*, and shall hereafter read as follows:

CHAPTER 7 OFFENSES AND NUISANCES

Article 7.800 Restrictions for Public Events

Section 7.801 - Offenses

- (a) *It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, ride, or operate bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles, or golf carts within the area or boundary of a City-authorized special event. Vehicles for handicapped use and other circumstances may be authorized by the Chief of Police, event management, or City management within the area or boundary of a City-authorized special event. Vehicles must be marked with appropriate event designation. The Chief of Police will designate the boundaries of the event area.*

- (b) *It shall be unlawful for any person to have within their possession or control any animals including dogs, cats, reptiles, or fowl within in the boundary of a City-authorized special event, except:*
- (1) *service dogs*
 - (2) *animals in a City-authorized adoption event*
- (c) *It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, tamper with, alter, damage, deface, destroy, move, or remove any event barricade, traffic cone, sign, or any component parts thereof within the area or boundary of a City-authorized special event.*
- (d) *It shall be unlawful for any person to have in their possession a glass container within the boundary of a City-authorized special event unless authorized by event management.*
- (e) *It shall be unlawful for any person to remain within a City-authorized special event area after being ordered to leave the area by any police officer in his/her official capacity for a violation of any section of this ordinance. Failure to leave shall be a criminal trespass pursuant to this ordinance.*

Section 7.802 - Impoundment

Any police officer in his/her official capacity may impound any prohibited bicycle, scooter, skateboard, roller skates, rollerblades, moped, all-terrain vehicle, golf cart, or glass container within the area or boundary of a City-authorized special event.

Section 7.803 - Severability

If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances for any reason is held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or the application thereby shall remain in effect, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reasons of unconstitutionality of any other portion or provision.

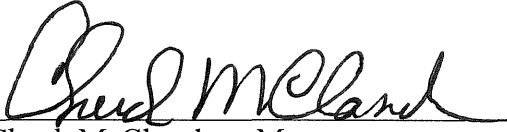
Section 7.804 - Repealer

All ordinances, parts of ordinances resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict with this ordinance.

Section 7.805 - Penalty

A violation of any provision of this chapter shall be deemed to be a Class C misdemeanor and, upon conviction of such violation, each violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2015.



Chuck McClanahan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Virginia Richardson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kerri Anderson Donica, City Attorney