

**BILL NO. 6175**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5970**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 38 – PERSONNEL TO MODIFY ARTICLE IX – HOLIDAYS TO INCLUDE JUNE 19, JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY, AS A LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 38 of the Maplewood City Code of Ordinances to modify an Article adding Juneteenth as a legal public holiday; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that by declaring Juneteenth as a legal public holiday for Maplewood city employees, it will result in the closure of public offices of the city; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has designated Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday, the first new federal holiday since 1983; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas were told they were free; and

WHEREAS, the term Juneteenth is a blend of the words June and nineteenth and Juneteenth National Independence Day is also called Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Black Independence Day and Juneteenth Independence Day as it commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maplewood celebrated Juneteenth with its community members in 2021 and will plan to celebrate the holiday with residents, businesses and guests of Maplewood each and every year going forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. The Maplewood Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by amending Chapter 38, Article IX, to modify Sec. 38-246. – Holidays:

New Years Day

Martin Luther King Day

Washington’s Birthday

Memorial Day

Juneteenth National Independence Day

Fourth of July

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day and the Friday of Thanksgiving day “weekend” (said Friday in lieu of Veterans Day)

Christmas Day and December 26 (day after Christmas)

Personal holiday (see subsection (g) of this section)

Section II. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021

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Nikylan Knapper, Mayor

Attest:

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Karen Scheidt, Deputy City Clerk

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021

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