



ORDINANCE 2017-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-24 TO ADD ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Town Council") has previously adopted Ordinance 2016-24, Concerning the Use of Consumer Fireworks Within the Town ("Fireworks Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Whitestown Human Relations Commission ("HRC") has adopted HRC Resolution No. 2017-1, urging the Town Council to add two fireworks-approved holidays to the Fireworks Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the public interest of Whitestown and its citizens to provide for additional fireworks-approved holidays in the Town, in recognition of the growing segment of the Whitestown population that celebrates Diwali and the Chinese New Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of the Fireworks Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following additional dates and times in which legal consumer fireworks may be used, ignited, or discharged within Whitestown:

- i. between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on the third day of Diwali (date varies annually between the end of October/early November) unless a different day of Diwali is selected by the HRC in a given year; and
- m. between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on the first day of the Chinese New Year (date varies annually between January 21st and February 20th).

Section 2. The Town Manager shall post on the Town's website the designated dates for fireworks for the varying holidays set forth in Section 1, as may be set by the HRC where applicable.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause, or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of this Ordinance or Ordinance 2016-24.

Section 4. All other provisions of the Fireworks Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect and apply to Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.



Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, on April 12, 2017.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

YAY/NAY

Eric Miller
Eric Miller, President

Yes

Susan Austin
Susan Austin, Vice President

Yes

Kevin Russell
Kevin Russell

YAY

Clinton Bohm
Clinton Bohm

YAY

Jeffrey Wishek
Jeffrey Wishek

YAY

ATTEST:

Matt Sumner
Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN,
INDIANA
URGING THE WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL TO ADD FIREWORKS-APPROVED HOLIDAYS TO
FIREWORKS ORDINANCE 2016-24

WHEREAS, the Whitestown Human Relations Commission seeks to recognize and celebrate the difference cultures and backgrounds of our Whitestown residents; and

WHEREAS, a growing segment of our Whitestown population celebrates Diwali, also known as a 'Festival of Lights'; and

WHEREAS, a growing segment of our Whitestown population celebrates the Chinese New Year; and

WHEREAS, fireworks play a significant role in the celebrations for both Diwali and the Chinese New Year; and

WHEREAS, the Whitestown Human Relations Commission was formed to recognize, encourage, celebrate, and educate about the diversity of our Town's residents

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Whitestown Human Relations Commission do hereby urge the Whitestown Town Council to amend Ordinance 2016-24 to include both Diwali (dates vary annually between end of October/early November) and the Chinese New Year (dates vary annually between January 21st and February 20th) as fireworks-approved holidays in the Town of Whitestown, Indiana

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ON THIS XXth DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
TOWN OF WHITESTOWN

YAY/NAY


Raji Muthukrishnan, Member

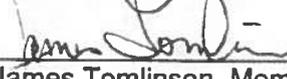
YAY


Kisha Rollins, Member

Yay


Andy Markle, Member

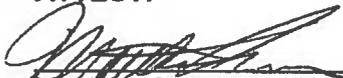
Yay


James Tomlinson, Member

YAY

Matt Chapman, Member

ATTEST:


Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana
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