

ORDINANCE NO. 15-1317

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE GOODYEAR CITY CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2014, the Mayor and Council of the City of Goodyear adopted Ordinance 14-1301 in which it added Chapter 26 – Special Events to the Goodyear City Code (“Special Events Ordinance”), in order to regulate community gatherings and organized activities that could place unique demands on public resources, that could present public health and safety issues and that could create unreasonable adverse impacts to neighboring property owners, businesses, City residents and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Special Events Ordinance was to facilitate community gatherings and organized activities while promoting the public’s health and safety and minimizing unreasonable adverse impacts to neighboring property owners, businesses, City residents and the general public; and

WHEREAS, since its enactment, concerns have been raised that the Special Events Ordinance may be overly broad and that it may deter people and groups from holding community gatherings and organized activities, which the Mayor and Council want to facilitate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will be revisiting the Special Events Ordinance to identify any changes that need to be made in order to achieve their goals, and want to suspend the enforcement of the Special Events Ordinance until that occurs; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the types of the community gatherings and organized activities the Mayor and Council want to encourage and facilitate are held in the winter months and to avoid the deterrents resulting from the Special Events Ordinance, the suspension must take effect immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: SUSPENSION

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goodyear hereby temporarily suspend the application of all provisions of Chapter 26 – Special Events of the Goodyear City Code until May 15, 2015.

SECTION 2: EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

The immediate operation of the provision of this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist in accordance with Section 7, Article VII of the Goodyear City Charter and A.R.S. § 19-142. This Ordinance is enacted as an emergency

measure and will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of all members elected to the Council of the City of Goodyear as required by law, and it is hereby exempt from referendum.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date:_____

ATTEST:

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Roric Massey, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

STATE OF ARIZONA

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County of Maricopa

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I, the undersigned Maureen Scott, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 15-1317 is a true, correct and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 15-1317, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, held on the ____ day of _____ 20____, at which a quorum was present and, by a ____ vote, ____ voted in favor of said ordinance.

Given under my hand and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

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City Clerk