

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PROCESSIONS, MARCHES,  
PARADES OR DEMONSTRATIONS WITHIN THE  
MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE  
TOWN OF CHATHAM, LOUISIANA

The following ordinance was offered by Alderman Linda Chatham,  
who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Alderman K. D. Hayes :

ORDINANCE NO. 12-87

An ordinance regulating processions, marches, parades or demonstrations within the municipal corporate limits of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, and prescribing and fixing penalties for the violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that any procession, march, parade, or public demonstration of any kind or for whatever purpose is prohibited by any group, association or organization on any public sidewalk, street, highway, bridge, alley, road or other public passageway within the municipal corporate limits of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, unless there first has been obtained a permit therefor, and in all cases the person or persons or the group, association or organization to whom the permit is issued shall be liable for all damage to property or persons which may arise out of or in connection with any such procession, march, parade or public demonstration for which a permit is issued.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that application for the permit required herein shall be made to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana. Permits may be granted after application is made, provided, however, that bond in the amount of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS has first been filed with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, as security for the payment of any damage or injury which may occur as the result of or in connection with such procession, march, parade or public demonstration.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all groups, associations or organizations regardless of race, creed, color or political beliefs of its members; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall apply to a bona fide legitimate labor organization or to any lawful activity of a labor union permitted by law, nor shall these provisions apply to any procession or parade directly held or sponsored by the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, nor shall these provisions apply to any procession, march, or parade directly held or sponsored by a bona fide organization specifically for school parades or other functions, parish parades or other functions, state, parish or municipal fairs or other such related activities, or bona fide civic organizations.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person, firm, corporation, or association, unincorporated or otherwise, who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction by a Court of competent jurisdiction, be fined a sum not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$500.00) DOLLARS, or imprisonment not exceeding sixty (60) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court, for each day that this ordinance is violated; provided, that the Court, in its discretion, shall have the authority to impose a fine as provided herein, and, upon default of payment, to imprison the offender in the appropriate jail for a time not to exceed the maximum imprisonment time found hereinabove.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that for the purpose of this ordinance each day that it is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall, within twenty (20) days after it is passed, be published once in the official journal of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, and shall thereafter be enforced, unless for cause contrary to the order, ten (10) days after its publication.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed after this ordinance goes into effect.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any part of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, shall holding shall not effect or impair any other provision hereof.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read and considered section by section at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, the ordinance was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: 3  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this the 10 day of June, 1986.

Robert Riddle  
MAYOR

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CLERK