

CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2024

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RELEASE OF LIGHTER-THAN-AIR OBJECTS

WHEREAS, the City Council of La Grange finds that release into the atmosphere of certain lighter-than-air objects, specifically, (1) balloons made of plastic, mylar, or non-biodegradable materials that may have adverse ecological consequences if eaten by wildlife or marine creatures, and (2) sky lanterns using open flames to heat the air in a bag or container to become airborne that may start wildfires upon descent, and should be prohibited. This ordinance amends and replaces draft Ordinance No. 2023-17, which failed to pass in January, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY:

A new section of Chapter 92 (Nuisances) is hereby created:

RELEASE OF LIGHTER-THAN-AIR OBJECTS. No person shall knowingly release or launch into the atmosphere above the City of La Grange any plastic, mylar or non-biodegradable balloons filled with a gas that is lighter than air, with the exception of balloons released for scientific or meteorological purposes. Additionally, no sky lanterns that utilize open flames to produce heat for lighter-than-air objects shall be released into the atmosphere above the City of La Grange.

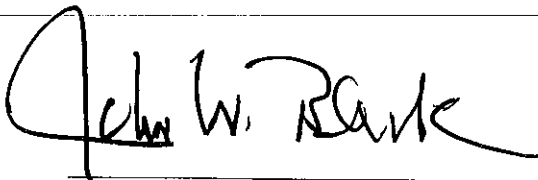
This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and enforceable thirty (30) days following publication as prescribed by KRS 424.

First Reading February 5, 2024

Second Reading March 4, 2024

Vote: For 5 Against 1 Abstain _____

So approved this 4 day of March, 2024.



JOHN W. BLACK, MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk or Designee