

**ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2014**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES FOR PARADES PASSING THROUGH THE  
VILLAGE  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the planning for, scheduling of personnel for, and the carrying out of all the necessary preparations for parades requires advance notice to the Village and requires the expenditure of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, unless adequate advance preparation is made and adequate personnel are provided, it is both unsafe and impractical for parades to move in or about the Village unless in strict compliance with all laws and ordinances relating to the movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cleves Village Council is concerned about the safety of bystanders and participants at parades within the Village when objects are thrown from parade vehicles or floats; and

**WHEREAS**, Council believes it is appropriate to establish a process for obtaining a permit for a parade and to govern conduct of participants in a parade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Cleves, State of Ohio that:

**Section 1.** A parade is defined herein as any procession of people, animals or vehicles on public streets or alleys within the Village limits.

**Section 2.** Unless a parade permit has been issued by the Village, any parade and all persons participating in such parades shall obey all laws and regulations relating to pedestrian and vehicular traffic and shall not obstruct or unreasonably interfere with the rights of the public to use and enjoy the streets, sidewalks and public ways of the Village of Cleves.

**Section 3.** The Mayor or his designee may grant permission to a sponsoring organization to conduct a parade within the Village without strict compliance with laws and regulations relating to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and the Mayor or his designee may restrict parking along a proposed route of a parade and provide police escorts therefor.

**Section 4.** An application for a parade permit must be submitted to the Village no later than 21 days prior to the event. If approved, the parade permit will be issued no later than 7 days prior to the event. The application must be signed by an authorized representative of the sponsoring organization, and must include, as a minimum, the following information:

- A. Name of sponsoring organization.
- B. Address and telephone number of sponsoring organization.
- C. Name and contact information of a person who will be the primary Contact Person for the event, and who is authorized to speak for the sponsoring organization and to represent the sponsoring organization in all matters pertaining to the parade permit.
- D. Event Date and Time.
- E. Marshaling Area.
- F. Parade Route.
- G. Estimated Number of Pedestrians.
- H. Estimated Number of Vehicles.
- I. Estimated Number of Floats.
- J. Any special event needs.

**Section 5.** In reviewing the permit application, the Mayor or his designee shall determine the number of police personnel and/or fire personnel necessary to control traffic in the area of the parade, and shall inform the applicant for the parade permit of the number and cost of police officers and vehicles which he determines to be necessary to control traffic. The cost established by the Mayor or his designee shall be paid to the Village no later than the conclusion of the parade.

**Section 6.** Except for public safety vehicles, no operator of any vehicle shall drive between moving vehicles comprising an authorized parade, but passage for cross traffic shall be provided at intervals not exceeding 10 minutes.

**Section 7.** The Mayor or his designee is authorized to prohibit or restrict parking of

vehicles along a highway constituting a part of the parade route, and to erect temporary signs to that effect. Vehicles in violation of parking restrictions will be subject to citation and possible towing.

**Section 8.** The throwing of any items, including gum, beads, paper, candy, or any other article from floats, vehicles or people on horseback during parades passing through the Village is prohibited.

**Section 9.** All items distributed by parade participants may only be given hand-to-hand at the curb by walking along the parade route next to spectators.

**Section 10.** In the event the parade includes motor vehicles or animals, the sponsoring organization shall obtain liability insurance for personal injury and property damage in the amount of \$500,000, listing the organization and including the Village of Cleves as an additional insured. A certificate of insurance indicating compliance with this Section shall be provided to the Village at least seven days prior to the parade date.

**Section 11.** Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a minor misdemeanor.

**Section 12.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency Ordinance necessary for the immediate health preservation and welfare of the Village of Cleves, and shall become effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to insure that appropriate rules and sanctions are in effect for any parade that may be scheduled within the next thirty days or thereafter.

PASSED: October 22, 2014

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**DANNY STACY**  
Mayor

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**LINDA BOLTON**  
Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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**FRANCIS M. HYLE**  
Solicitor