

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWO OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF JONESBORO BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE V. LEGAL HOLIDAY MAKING JUNETEENTH A LEGAL HOLIDAY WITHIN THE TOWN OF JONESBORO, PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also sometimes known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day or Emancipation Day, is a day set aside to celebrate the liberation of individuals who had been enslaved in the United States, and more particularly to celebrate the day when individuals in the State of Texas learned of that liberation:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Jonesboro, Louisiana, in regular session, duly convened as the governing authority of the Town of Jonesboro, Louisiana as follows, to-wit:

SECTION I

Chapter Two of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Jonesboro is hereby amended to add thereto Article V. Legal Holiday, Sections 2-140-143 to read as follows:

Article V. Municipal Holiday

Section 2-140: The 19th day of June of each year shall be known as Juneteenth and shall be a legal holiday within the Town of Jonesboro.

Section 2-141: All employees of the Town of Jonesboro shall have a day off on Juneteenth if that day falls on a day that is not a Saturday or a Sunday. If Juneteenth falls on a Saturday the employees of the Town of Jonesboro shall have the preceding Friday off. If Juneteenth falls on a Sunday the employees of the Town of Jonesboro shall have the following Monday off.

Section 2-142: No Mayor's Court shall be held on Juneteenth.

Section 2-143: Although all citizens of the Town of Jonesboro are encouraged to celebrate this legal holiday within the Town of Jonesboro nothing in this Article shall be construed as compelling or requiring any business, commercial activity or personal activity to cease during Juneteenth.

SECTION II

This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of January, 2021.

SECTION IV

Should any item or provision, including any section, exception, part, phrase or term, or the application thereof be held invalid, the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and the validity of this Ordinance in any and all other respects shall not be affected thereby. If any phrase, clause, word or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall be limited to that portion of the Ordinance.

The above ordinance was introduced by Alderman _____ at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on the ____ day of _____, 2020 and copies of the same were provided to all members of the Board and the Mayor.

The title of the Ordinance was published once in the official journal of the Town of Jonesboro, which notice stated that the Board of Aldermen would consider its adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Alderman scheduled for the ____ day of _____, 2020, at ____ p.m., at which time a public hearing would be held on said ordinance. At that meeting, following a public hearing, this proposed ordinance shall be read by title and called for final passage and may be adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Aldermen. Said ordinance shall take effect as

set forth in Section II.

Thus adopted at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Jonesboro held on the ____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:


YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:


CLERK


MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Jonesboro declare that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Jonesboro at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this ____ day of _____, 2020.


CLERK