

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 12.900 "SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 12.910 TO ALLOW FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bridgeport is a type A general law municipality located in Wise County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 12.900 "Special Events and Parades" of the Code of Ordinances establishes the process for obtaining a permit for special events such as parades, block parties, festivals, and other activities requiring the use of City property or the temporary closure of any street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City maintains authority and control over all City streets, and the City Council currently must act to approve any temporary street closure for such a special event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to delegate its authority to the City Administrator or Mayor to administratively approve such temporary street closures for special events; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to adopt this ordinance to add a new Section 12.910 to the Code of Ordinances to provide for such administrative approval of temporary street closures for such special events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1**

That Article 12.900 "Special Events and Parades" of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new Section 12.910 "Administrative Approval of Temporary Street Closures" to read as follows:

**"Sec. 12.910 Administrative Approval of Temporary Street Closures**

(a) Any request for temporary closure of all or a part of any City street as part of a special event shall first be considered by the Special Events Committee of the City. Upon a positive recommendation from the Special Events Committee, the request for temporary street closure shall be forwarded to the City Administrator or Mayor for administrative approval.

(b) The City Administrator or the Mayor shall consider the request for temporary street closure for the special event, and either may administratively approve the request for temporary street closure. Alternatively, the City Administrator or the Mayor may choose to send any request for temporary street closure to the City Council for consideration and action.

(c) If the City Administrator or Mayor denies administrative approval of the request for temporary street closure, the applicant may appeal the decision to the City Council by filing a written appeal to the City Secretary within three (3) days of the denial. The decision of the City Council shall be final.”

**SECTION 2**

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Bridgeport, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 4**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS, BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, ON THIS THE 19 DAY OF January, 2016.**



**APPROVED:**

*Corey Lane*

**Corey Lane, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

*Erika McComis*  
**Erika McComis, City Secretary**