

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-04-19-01
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PERMITS FOR PARADES, PROCESSIONS OR
OTHER PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE STREETS OF
THE CITY OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA

To provide that it shall be an offense against the municipality to promote, organize, hold or participate in any parade, procession or other public demonstration in the streets and obstructing public ways of the municipality without a permit therefore; to provide for the issuance of such permits; and to prescribe penalties for violations.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ashland, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to promote, organize or hold, or to assist in organizing or holding, or to take part or participate in, any parade or procession or other public demonstration in the streets or other public ways of the city, unless a permit therefore has been secured from the City Council of the City of Ashland, Alabama.

Section 2. To secure such permit, written application shall be made to the City Council of the City of Ashland, Alabama, setting forth the date and hour, the probable number of persons, vehicles and animals which will be engaged in such parade, procession or other public demonstration, the purpose for which it is to be held and the streets or other public ways over, along or which it is desired to have or hold such parade, procession or public demonstration. Upon proper application made, the City Council, at its next regular meeting, shall consider said application and approve the issuance of the requested permit prescribing the streets or other public ways which may be used therefore, unless in its judgment the public welfare, peace, safety, health, decency, good order, morals or convenience require that it be refused.

Section 3. Upon issuance of said permit, it shall be unlawful to use any other street or public ways other than those set forth in the said permit.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons to obstruct, prevent or interfere with the free or unobstructed use of any public street or sidewalk to access any public or private building or to fail or refuse to move or disperse upon being ordered to do so by any law enforcement officer.

Section 5. This permit requirement shall not apply to funeral processions.

Section 6. Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit allowing a parade, procession or public demonstration as set forth herein, nothing shall prohibit the halting of the same by law enforcement officers when necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the general public.

Section 7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than one nor more than one-hundred dollars or sentenced to hard labor for the City of Ashland, Alabama, not exceeding six months, or both at the discretion of the Judge trying on the case.

Section 8. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication as required by law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2010.

_____ Mayor

ATTEST _____ City Clerk

