

On motion by **Councilwoman Constant** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following ordinance was introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 4443**

**An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances Chapter 10. *Amusements and Entertainments*, Article I *In General* by adding Section 10-8 *Block Parties*.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gretna has interest in the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gretna is often approached by residents wishing to host “block parties”; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens in the City of Gretna need clear and determinant regulations governing the issuance of permits for “block parties.”

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Gretna City Council, acting as Legislative authority for said city that:

**The Gretna Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 *Amusements and Entertainments*, Article I *In General* is hereby amended by adding Section 10-8 *Block Parties* to read:**

**10-8 Block Parties**

**A. Definition**

**A block party is a party hosted by multiple homeowners who live on the same block or street for the benefit of the residents of the street, block or immediate neighborhood which is not open to the general public.**

**B. Permit**

**A permit is required to host a block party.**

**C. Application**

**The city administration must review applications for block parties. A permit application must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Application must be made no later than 45-days prior to event.**
- 2. Application must contain:**
  - a. Name of Organizer and Hosts**
  - b. Address of Organizer and Hosts**
  - c. Email address of Organizer**
  - d. Home/office/Cell telephone number of Organizer and Hosts**
  - e. Name of Event**
  - f. Location of event (Place or Street Name with boundary streets)**
  - g. Description of event including planned activities**
  - h. Anticipated number of attendees**
- 3. Application must include a petition listing all property owners or residents that will be impacted by the block party and the signatures of a majority of those owners or residents stating they do not object to the issuance of a permit for the block party.**
- 4. Proof of one million dollars of event insurance for the block party naming the City additionally insured.**
- 5. Application must include a letter from the police department stating that the applicant has made arrangements for a police detail officer to be present for the block party.**

**6. Application must include a \$25.00 application fee which is nonrefundable.**

**D. Permit Approval**

**An application for a block party permit shall be denied by the city administration if it fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (C) above.**

**Applications approved by the administration will be forwarded for final consideration for the issuance of a permit to the City Council on its regular agenda.**

**The City Council may grant or deny the permit for block party. When considering final approval or denial of a block party permit the City Council may consider but are not limited to considering the following factors;**

- 1) The effect of the block party on traffic flow in the City.**
- 2) Access by emergency services to areas that would be impacted by the block party**
- 3) The objections or concerns of property owners or residents that would be impacted by the block party regardless of their signature on the applicant's petition**
- 4) The frequency of requests for block parties**

**E. Permit Costs/ Issuance**

**Upon approval of a permit by the city council, the administration shall fix a cost for the delivery, installation and pick up of street barricades.**

**After approval and upon payment of all costs associated the police detail and barricades, the city administration shall issue the block party permit.**

Provided that a majority of the City of Gretna Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk's presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2) unless the Mayor returns the same, unsigned, to the Clerk during that ten-day period.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**Yeas: Council Members Beevers, Constant, Cox, Crosby and Rau**

Nays: None

Absent: None

**ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

**APPROVED: NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

**/S/ C. DIANNE LEE, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

**CITY OF GRETNA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**/S/ RONNIE C. HARRIS**

**MAYOR**

**CITY OF GRETNA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Ordinance presented to the  
Mayor on November 15, 2012

Ordinance returned from the  
Mayor on November 15, 2012

**/S/ C. DIANNE LEE, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

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**CITY CLERK**

**A TRUE COPY:**

**/S/ C. DIANNE LEE, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

On motion by **Councilwoman Constant** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following ordinance was introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 4468**

**An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 Amusements and Entertainments, Article I In General , Section 10-8 Block Parties, Paragraph A. Definition.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gretna has interest in the health safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gretna is often approached by residents and organizations wishing to host “block parties”; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens s in the City of Gretna need clear and determinant regulations governing the issuance of permits for “block parties”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council, acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

**Chapter 10 Amusements and Entertainments, Article I In General, Section 10-8 -Block Parties, Paragraph A. Definition** be amended to read:

**10-8. -Block Parties**

**B. Definition**

**A block party is a party or event hosted by a multiple homeowners who live on the same block or street for the benefit of the residents of the street, block or immediate neighborhood which is not open to the general public and requires the blocking of a public street; or an event hosted by a church, school or business with its principal office located within the City of Gretna, where the blocking of the street immediately adjacent to the church, school or business is required.**

Provided that a majority of the City of Gretna Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk’s presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2) unless the Mayor returns the same, unsigned, to the Clerk during that ten-day period.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**Yeas: Council Members Beevers, Constant, Cox, Crosby and Rau**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2013**

**/S/ C. DIANNE LEE, CMC  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GRETNA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Ordinance presented to the Mayor on March 14, 2013

**/S/ C. DIANNE LEE, CMC  
CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED: MARCH 14, 2013**

**/S/ RONNIE C. HARRIS  
MAYOR  
CITY OF GRETNA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Ordinance returned from the Mayor on March 14, 2013

**/S/ C. DIANNE LEE, CMC  
CITY CLERK**

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