

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: August 26, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Britt Avrit, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: **Consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 999**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt **Ordinance No. 999**, amending Title 9 of the Lancaster Municipal Code by adopting Chapter 9.46, and amending Sections 17.08.050, 17.10.050, 17.12.070, 17.16.060, and 17.20.340, relating to the regulation of carnivals.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Background:**

The City has received complaints about dust, noise, traffic problems, and other detrimental effects resulting from the operation of carnivals in certain locations in the City. Currently, the City's municipal code generally permits anybody to conduct a carnival in certain zones, subject to director's review and approval. However, although operational conditions may be imposed through the director's review process, these existing regulations have not satisfactorily mitigated the detrimental impact of carnivals.

The proposed ordinance would, in part, amend Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare) of the Lancaster Municipal Code by adding Chapter 9.46 (Carnivals and Other Outdoor Entertainment Events). Chapter 9.46 establishes a general prohibition against carnivals and other outdoor entertainment events in the City, while carving out exemptions to the general prohibition for certain events. The ordinance would also amend sections 17.10.050, 17.12.070, 17.16.060, and 17.20.340 in Title 17 (Zoning) of the LMC. These sections currently identify carnivals as a permissible use in certain zones; the proposed amendments would expressly state that the use is subject to the provisions of Chapter 9.46. The ordinance would also amend section 17.08.050 to add carnivals as an accessory use in residential zones, again subject to the provisions of Chapter 9.46.

At the August 12, 2014 meeting, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 999 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Mann, Smith, Mayor Parris  
NOES: Council Member Johnson, Vice Mayor Crist  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**Attachment:**

Ordinance No. 999