

## **Ordinance Prohibiting the Intentional Release of Balloons**

### Purpose.

It is hereby found and declared that it will be the public policy of \_\_\_\_\_ to take action when feasible to reduce the effects of certain products utilized, placed, or released with the environment in order to protect the health and safety of the general public.

### Release of balloons.

Purpose and intent. This section is adopted in order to protect the environment, particularly the wildlife, and the health, safety and well-being of persons and property by prohibiting the release of helium balloons into the atmosphere, including latex and mylar, as it has been determined that the release of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases pose a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals so as to constitute a public nuisance and may pose a threat to the safety of its inhabitants and their property.

### Prohibited releases.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to intentionally release, organize the release, or intentionally cause to be released balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air within \_\_\_\_\_ limits, except for:

#### A.

Balloon released by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes.

#### B.

Hot air balloons that are recovered after launching.

#### C.

Balloons released indoors.

### Violations and penalties.

Any person found in violation is guilty of a noncriminal infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of \$500.