

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 10

**AN ORDINANCE OPTING OUT OF HOUSE BILL 172 (H.B. 172) AND BANNING THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION OR EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 172 allowing private individuals to discharge, ignite or explode fireworks on private property on certain days of the year; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 172 provides for and enables municipal corporations to determine whether to opt out of these changes in State law and to continue to enforce local laws that have and continue to ban the discharge, ignition and explosion of fireworks which may otherwise be permitted pursuant to H.B. 172; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Parma Heights to continue to prohibit or ban the discharge, ignition and explosion of fireworks which may otherwise be permitted pursuant to H.B. 172.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the discharge, ignition or explosion of fireworks otherwise permitted by H.B. 172 is hereby prohibited and banned within the City of Parma Heights and hereby regulated by Section 672.12 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 2: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health and safety of the Municipality and for the further reason that H.B. 172 has been adopted by the General Assembly and the City of Parma Heights must immediately opt out to maintain its prohibition against the discharge, ignition and explosion of fireworks which may otherwise be permitted pursuant to H.B. 172; wherefore it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 4-11-22

Thomas Rounds  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara S. Allen  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

4-11-22  
APPROVED

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: 4-11-22

Marie Gallo  
MAYOR MARIE GALLO