

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, OFFERING A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE IDENTITY OF, AND THE APPREHENSION OF, ANY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT INVOLVING THE USE OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON OR DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has determined that the use, storage, and disposal of fireworks have reached critical proportions in the City of Riverside, thereby endangering the public safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the use of illegal fireworks in the City is an immediate public peace, health, and safety concern; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16.32.375 of the Riverside Municipal Code, the selling, offer for sale, use, discharge, possession, storage, or transportation of fireworks is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside may offer and pay rewards as authorized by Section 53069.5 of the Government Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Section 53069.5 specifically authorizes the City to offer and pay a reward, the amount thereof to be determined by the City, for information leading to the determination of the identify of, and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any person or damages or destroys property; and

WHEREAS, a reward for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct involving the selling, offer for sale, use, discharge, possession, storage, or transportation of fireworks results in injury or death to any person or damages or destroys any property would be consistent with and is taken for the immediate protection of public peace, health, and safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, that a reward in the amount of \$1,000 is hereby approved and authorized for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct involving the selling, offer for sale, use, discharge, possession, storage, or transportation

1 of fireworks results in injury or death to any person or damages or destroys any property.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the offer of reward by the City shall be effective through  
3 July 31, 2017. An offer of reward by the City shall terminate by payment, by revocation, or by  
4 withdrawal thereof by the City Council by resolution, motion, or council report adopted by a majority  
5 vote of the City Council or by expiration of the time period set forth herein.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons are not eligible for the reward: City  
7 employees, city officials, and city contractors.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that claims for rewards pursuant to this Resolution shall be  
9 filed with the City Clerk and shall contain the following information: (1) the date, location and  
10 description of injury or property damage; and (2) identity by name of the person identified and  
11 apprehended. No claim for reward shall be allowed unless and until the City investigates and verifies  
12 the accuracy of the claim and determines that the requirements of this Resolution have been satisfied.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if multiple persons contribute information, the reward  
14 shall be divided in a manner that the City Council, in its sole discretion, deems to be equitable.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all decisions with respect to the relevance or materiality  
16 of information received, whether or not utilized in establishing the determination of the identity of,  
17 and the apprehension of, any one or more persons provides a basis for the payment of a reward, are  
18 within the sole discretion of the City Council.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all determinations effective, or dispositive of the offer of  
20 reward, shall be within the sole discretion of the City Council and shall be final.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 53069.5, the person or persons  
22 responsible for such willful acts shall be liable for the amount of any reward paid pursuant to this  
23 Resolution and if the person is an unemancipated minor, his or her parent or guardian shall also be  
24 liable for the amount.

25 ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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28 William R. Bailey, III  
Mayor of the City of Riverside

1 Attest:

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4 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

5 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the  
6 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council  
7 of said City at its meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following vote, to  
8 wit:

9 Ayes:

10 Noes:

11 Absent:

12 Abstain:

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14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the  
15 City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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18 City Clerk of the City of Riverside  
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