

CITY OF HAMMOND
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING OBSTRUCTION OR DEFAACEMENT OF
OF FIRE HYDRANTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Hammond City Council that the following be adopted and added to Chapter 14 as section 14-7 of the Hammond Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

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Sec. 14-7. Obstruction or defacement of fire hydrants.

(a) Terms defined. For purposes of this section:

(1) Fire hydrant means a public utility device installed or maintained by the City of Hammond on public or private property which provides a water supply for fire suppression or control.

(2) Obstacle means anything placed or allowed to remain adjacent to a fire hydrant, including, but not limited to, garbage, trash, refuse, fences, shrubs, trees, flowers, vines, mail boxes, vehicles, watercraft, trailers, structures, or other movable or immovable objects.

(b) Prohibitions. The following acts are prohibited with regards to fire hydrants:

(1) It shall be unlawful for anyone to place any obstacle within a five-foot radius of any fire hydrant within the City as measured from the top center of the hydrant, except as herein provided.

(2) It shall further be unlawful for any person who owns or manages property adjoining the berm on which a fire hydrant may be located to knowingly allow any obstacles to remain within a five-foot radius of the fire hydrant.

(3) Further it shall be unlawful for anyone to paint, alter the original appearance of, or deface in any manner any fire hydrant within the City, except as provided herein.

(4) It shall further be unlawful for anyone to obstruct any fire hydrant from view, or inhibit or prevent access to a fire hydrant.

(c) Exemptions. The following are exempt from the provisions of this section:

(1) Nothing herein shall prohibit the City of Hammond, or its designees, from performing normal maintenance or otherwise performing necessary repairs to any fire hydrant.

(2) The planting of grass or ground cover is allowed within five feet of any fire hydrant provided that such planting is maintained at a height not exceeding the height of the hose connections on such hydrant.

(3) The Hammond Fire Chief may grant written approval for the erection of protective post(s) as deemed necessary or the painting of fire hydrants.

(d) Violations. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-8 of this Code.

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This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been introduced at a public meeting of the Hammond city council, discussed at a public hearing of said Council and was submitted to an official vote of the Hammond city council.

On motion of _____ and seconded by _____, the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on this ____ day of _____, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Johnny Blount	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jason Hood	_____	_____	_____	_____
Janice Carter Beard	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lemar Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mike Williams	_____	_____	_____	_____

ATTEST:

Tonia Banks, Clerk
Hammond City Council

Mike Williams, President
Hammond City Council

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APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____, 2016

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