

ORDINANCE NO. 755

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, amending Chapter 1.12 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relating to City Holidays.

WHEREAS, this year the Washington State legislature passed HB 1016, recognizing Juneteenth as a State holiday; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since its origin in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, the observance of June 19 (Juneteenth) as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to recognize and honor the contributions that African Americans have made to our city, state and country; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a chance to reflect on the progress that must continue to ensure that all have equal access and opportunity to participate fully in our society; and

WHEREAS, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That Section 1.12.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

A. The following days shall be the official legal holidays of the City:

1. January 1st, to be known as New Year's Day;
2. The third Monday of January, celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.;
3. The third Monday in February, to be known as President's Day and to be celebrated as the anniversary of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington;
4. The last Monday of May, to be known as Memorial Day;

5.) The nineteenth day of June, recognized as Juneteenth, a day of remembrance for the day the African slaves learned of their freedom;

- 56. July 4th, being the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence;
- 67. The first Monday in September, to be known as Labor Day;
- 78. November 11th, to be known as Veterans Day;
- 89. The fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day;
- 910. The day immediately following Thanksgiving Day;
- 1011. December 25th, to be known as Christmas Day.

B. City Hall shall be closed for regular business on the City Hall holidays listed above.

Section 2. That the City adopts by reference state law regarding days of recognition as detailed in RCW 1.16.050(7).

Section 3. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:



Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney