**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZUCKERMAN; MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; SECONDED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE REGULATING CAMPING ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, City of Mandeville resident and visitor safety and accessibility of public spaces is a priority;

**WHEREAS**, the use of public property within the City of Mandeville is intended for the use and enjoyment of all members of the community, and not for overnight camping or long-term habitation;

**WHEREAS**, camping on public property can pose risks to public health and safety, including fire hazards and environmental degradation;

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City of Mandeville to reduce these situations by regulating camping activities on public property within the City of Mandeville; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the need for clear, enforceable guidelines to ensure public spaces remain safe, clean, and accessible for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council of the City of Mandeville hereby amends Section 10-72 of the City of Mandeville Code of Ordinances in its entirety to read:

**Section 10-72 Camping on Public Property Within the City of Mandeville prohibited; definition; penalty.**

(a) For purposes of this section:

(i) "camping" shall be defined as the recreational use of an outdoor area involving the placement or erection of temporary shelters, such as tents, huts, trailers, campers, or motorized or non-motorized recreational vehicles of any type. Camping does not include the use of hammocks during the daytime.

(ii) “public property” means any publicly owned outdoor area that is accessible to and meant for public use including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, parking lots, banks of waterways, underpasses, bridges, parks, benches, or parking areas.

(b) Camping and overnight sleeping is hereby prohibited on all public property within the City of Mandeville. This section shall not apply to vessels registered to moor on City of Mandeville facilities.

(c) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the punishment as provided in section 1-9 of this Code.

**BE IT ORDAINED** that this ordinance shall be effective following the Mayor’s signature; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Clerk of this Council be and is hereby authorized and empowered to take any and all actions which she, in the exercise of her discretion, deems necessary to promulgate the provisions of this ordinance.

The ordinance being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:

NAY:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

And the ordinance was declared adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk of Council Council Chairman