

On motion of Councilmember LaHatte, seconded by Councilmember Scharwath, the following ordinance was introduced:

SUMMARY NO. 13,902 ORDINANCE NO. 12,888

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF KENNER CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE X, SECTION 10-200 TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC GATHERING AND TO ADD REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATE EVENTS

THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENNER HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION ONE: That the City of Kenner Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article X, Sec. 10-200, Subsection (b) shall be amended to read as follows:

(b) Definition of "public gathering." A public gathering shall, for purposes of this section, be defined to include any and all planned, advertised, or announced gatherings that are open to the public where one hundred (100) or more persons are anticipated to be in gross attendance, be they participants in an event, spectators to an event, or otherwise, taking place in any open or enclosed space within the City of Kenner, subject to the specific exceptions and exemptions which are or may be hereinafter provided in this section. A public gathering as defined herein shall include, but in no way be limited to, dances, bazaars, celebrations, meetings, festivals, music performances, theatrical performances, and the like, whether held on open grounds or in a building or buildings or parking lots.

A public gathering shall also include any block parties, any gatherings requiring a road closure, and any gathering where one hundred (100) or more persons are anticipated to be in gross attendance that will be held in a public or private parking lot, regardless of the exemptions provided for in subsection (c). A block party shall be defined as a social gathering of a group of neighbors living or working in proximity to each other, utilizing a certain portion of a public street for their activity where the neighbors on the affected block or blocks are notified in writing. The notice required in this section must be posted on the doors of the homes and businesses on the affected block or blocks and must include the proposed date, time, and location of the block party, as well as the date and time the application will be before city council.

SECTION TWO: That the City of Kenner Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article X, Sec.10-201 shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 10-201. - Private Gatherings.

Private gatherings that will be held on public property will require an application to the appropriate department, as determined by the Mayor's Office, and will be approved at the discretion of the City of Kenner. All private gatherings on public property will be subject to City of Kenner Ordinance 11,587, or any amendments or modifications thereto, and all rules and regulations provided by the applicable department for such events.

SECTION THREE: That the Mayor of the City of Kenner is authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents as may be necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: McKinney, Willmott, Dunn, Scharwath, LaHatte, Branigan

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Brennan

ABSTAINED: 0

This ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 25 day of July, 2025.