

**CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL**

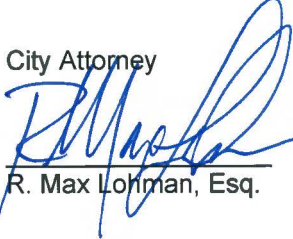

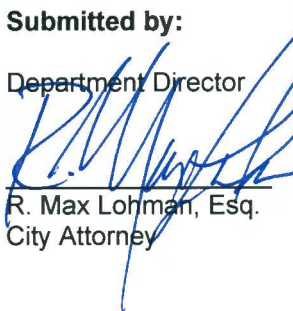

Agenda Cover Memorandum

**Meeting Date: December 2, 2021
Resolution 69, 2021**

Subject/Agenda Item: Prohibiting the use of balloons, glitter, and confetti products on public property, directing City Administration to negotiate "No Balloons, Glitter, and Confetti Products" provisions in applicable City contracts, and encouraging all residents and retail businesses within the City to reduce or eliminate the use of balloons, glitter, and confetti products.

Recommendation to APPROVE

Recommendation to DENY

<p>Reviewed by:</p> <p>City Attorney</p>  <p>R. Max Lohman, Esq.</p>	<p>Originating Dept.:</p> <p>Administration</p>  <p>John Boehm Assistant to the City Manager</p>	<p>Costs: N/A</p>	<p>Council Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/ Conditions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Denied</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Continued to:</p>
<p>Submitted by:</p> <p>Department Director</p>  <p>R. Max Lohman, Esq. City Attorney</p>	<p>Advertised: N/A</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Paper:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required</p>	<p>Funding Source: N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Operating</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	<p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 69, 2021
<p>Approved by:</p> <p>City Manager</p>  <p>Ronald M. Ferris</p>	<p>Affected parties:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notified</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required</p>	<p>Contract/Agreement:</p> <p>Effective Date: N/A</p> <p>Expiration Date: N/A</p> <p>Budget Acct.#: N/A</p>	

BACKGROUND: The City Council of the City of Palm Beach Gardens finds that balloons, glitter, and confetti products pose an environmental hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, as well as negatively impact the environment and surrounding wildlife.

Balloons, glitter, and confetti products are primarily made of non-biodegradable materials that frequently escape collection and become litter, often floating on water or through the air a far distance from the site of their original use.

Balloons, glitter, and confetti products have little value and constitute a portion of the litter and pollution in the City's waterways, stormwater drains, rights-of-way, parks, and other public places. Marine life and other wildlife often mistaken balloons, glitter, and confetti debris for food, causing significant health complications. This prohibition will further the City's sustainability and environmental protection efforts.

The City desires to encourage residents of the City and local businesses to strive to reduce the use of balloons, glitter, and confetti products to mitigate negative impacts to the City's natural environment.

The City Council desires to direct the City Manager to negotiate to include "no balloons, glitter, and confetti products" provisions into all contracts, as applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 69, 2021 as presented.

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RESOLUTION 69, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING THE USE OF BALLOONS, GLITTER, AND CONFETTI PRODUCTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE “NO BALLOONS, GLITTER, OR CONFETTI PRODUCTS” IN APPLICABLE CITY CONTRACTS, AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE USE OF BALLOONS, GLITTER, AND CONFETTI PRODUCTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Beach Gardens finds that balloons, glitter, and confetti products pose an environmental hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, as well as negatively impact the environment and surrounding wildlife; and

WHEREAS, balloons, glitter, and confetti products are primarily made of non-biodegradable materials that frequently escape collection and become litter, often floating on water or through the air a far distance from the site of their original use; and

WHEREAS, balloons, glitter, and confetti products have little value and constitute a portion of the litter and pollution in the City’s waterways, stormwater drains, rights-of-way, parks, and other public places; and

WHEREAS, marine life and other wildlife often mistake balloons, glitter, and confetti debris for food, causing significant health complications; and

WHEREAS, this prohibition will further the City’s sustainability and environmental protection efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage residents of the City and local businesses to strive to reduce the use of balloons, glitter, and confetti products to mitigate negative impacts to the City’s natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to direct the City Manager to negotiate to include “no balloons, glitter, or confetti products” provisions into all contracts, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems approval of this Resolution to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of the City of Palm Beach Gardens and the public at large.

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3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**
4 **OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA, that:**

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6 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.

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8 **SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby finds and concludes that it is in the public's
9 best interest to reduce the use of balloons, glitter, and confetti products in the City.

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11 **SECTION 3.** The City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to
12 administratively prohibit the use of balloons, glitter, and confetti products on all public
13 property within the City, except when such use may be approved by the City Manager, or
14 designee, when deemed prudent.

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16 **SECTION 4.** The City Council further directs the City Manager to negotiate to
17 include "no balloons, glitter, or confetti products" provisions into all contracts, as
18 applicable.

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20 **SECTION 5.** The City Council encourages the reduction of the sale and use of all
21 balloons, glitter, and confetti products by all residents and businesses within the City.

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23 **SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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