

ORDINANCE NO. 71

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS PATTERNED
AFTER STATE HOLIDAYS, IN PART, AS PROVIDED
IN ARK. CODE ANN. SECTION 1-5-101;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish official holidays for the City of Goshen;
and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has established certain holidays by statute, specifically Ark. Code Ann. Section 1-5-101 and it is appropriate for the City of Goshen to pattern its holiday schedule, in part, after the declared legal or official holidays of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS.

(a) The following days are declared to be the sole official holidays applicable to city government in Goshen, Arkansas:

- (1) New Year's Day - January 1;
- (2) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and Robert E. Lee's Birthday - the third Monday in January;
- (3) George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gatson Bates Day - the third Monday in February;
- (4) Memorial Day - the last Monday in May;
- (5) Independence Day - July 4;
- (6) Labor Day - the first Monday in September;
- (7) Veterans Day - November 11;
- (8) Thanksgiving Day - the fourth Thursday in November;
- (9) Christmas Eve - December 24; and
- (10) Christmas Day - December 25.

(b) A holiday falling on a Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday. A holiday falling on a Sunday will be observed on the succeeding Monday.

(c) It is the specific intent of the City Council that all full time or salaried city employees shall be entitled to ten (10) paid holidays per year.

SECTION 2. CITY HALL TO BE CLOSED ON OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS -
EXCEPTIONS.

(a) City Hall and the offices therein shall be closed on all days declared to be official holidays under Section 1 (a) of this ordinance. All persons employed by the City shall not be required to work on official holidays listed in Section 1(a). However, this section shall not apply to those employees that are essential to the preservation and protection of the public peace, health, and safety, nor to the offices of the various elected officials who may use their own discretion in the matter of closing their offices on official holidays.

(b) Any city employee who is required to work on an official holiday, for any reason, shall be entitled to equivalent time off at a later date.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

Because there has been some confusion about whether the City is observing declared state holidays and because there is a state declared holiday in February, it is hereby declared that based on the conditions set forth herein, an emergency exists and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Goshen, Arkansas, shall be in effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of February, 2007




Joe Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheryl Whillock, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Charles Harwell, City Attorney

ROLL CALL VOTE ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE

Names Of Those Voting YEA

Anderson
Bethell
Boyd
Buell
Lockhart
Poye

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