

# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 IS HALLOWEEN

We hereby give notice that laws pertaining to the setting of fires and vandalism will be enforced. It is our desire that Smith County observe a quiet Halloween. We ask for your respect and cooperation.

Ordinances passed by the Town Councils of Carthage, South Carthage and Gordonsville are as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE ILLEGAL, CERTAIN DISRUPTIVE PRACTICES DURING HALLOWEEN, TO WIT: POSSESSION OF EGGS OR MISSILES WITH INTENT TO THROW SAME; DESTRUCTION OR ABUSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY; ASSEMBLY FOR CREATING A DISTURBANCE; CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND BEER; INTERFERING WITH CITY EMPLOYEES IN THEIR OFFICIAL DUTY, AND PROVIDING FOR A REASONABLE CURFEW AND PENALTIES.

## ORDINANCE NO. 195

Whereas, the day and night designated or known as Halloween has become a time for lawlessness, property destruction and breaches of peace, and, Whereas the citizens of this city, especially the small children the elderly and visitors have been unable to travel about the city on Halloween without fear of abuse to the person and property. Now therefore be it ordained by the City Councils of Carthage, South Carthage and Gordonsville, Tennessee that:

### SECTION I

A. It shall be unlawful for any minor, under age of 18 years to be on the public streets, alleys, playgrounds and any other public places or private ground not owned by said minor, within the city limits of Carthage after 8:00 p.m. on October 31th or any day designated as to day to celebrate "Halloween".

B. Any persons found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 and no more than \$50.00.

C. This ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other curfew ordinance theretofore adopted and in effect within the corporate limits, but shall be exception of limitations to any ordinance.

### SECTION II

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess in public, and on any street, highway, alley, public place or any property not belonging to said person within the city limits of Carthage, South Carthage and Gordonsville, Tennessee, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., eggs, with the intent to throw same at persons or property.

B. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that anyone who possesses any egg or eggs in public between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. possesses said egg or eggs with the intent to throw said eggs at persons or property.

C. Any person found guilty of possessing any egg or eggs shall be fined \$10.00 per egg.

D. Any person found guilty of throwing any egg or eggs shall be fined \$50.00.

### SECTION III

It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public way or place while wearing a mask, device, or hood whereby any portion of the face is hidden or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer.

The following are exempt from the provision of this section:

- (1) Children under the age of 14 years.
- (2) Workers, while engaged in work where a face covering is needed for health and or safety reasons.
- (3) Persons wearing gas masks in Civil Defense drills and exercises or emergencies.
- (4) Any person having a special permit issued by the city to wear a traditional holiday costume.

Any person found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 and no more than \$50.00.

### SECTION IV

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to maliciously throw any stone, stick, bottle, pumpkin or pumpkin parts, snowball, egg, or any other missile or object at any person, building or vehicle.

### SECTION V

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully, maliciously and intentionally damage, deface, destroy, conceal, tamper with remove or withhold any real or personal property, which does not belong to him.

### SECTION VI

It shall be unlawful for any two or more persons to assemble together for any unlawful purpose, or for the purpose of annoyance or disturbance of citizens or travelers, or to do violence to the property of the City or person or property of another against the peace and to the terror of others, or to make any move or preparation therefore, or being present at such meeting or assembly to fail to endeavor to prevent the commission of or perpetration of such unlawful acts.

It shall be unlawful for groups to march on the streets or by motorcade without having a special permit or permission from the Mayor.

Any person found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 and no more than \$50.00.

### SECTION VII

It shall be unlawful to commit the following violations within the City of Carthage, South Carthage or Gordonsville.

(1) To drink or consume any beer or other alcoholic beverage in any public place, park, or any street, alley or public thoroughfare.

(2) To possess any open can, bottle, or any other open container containing beer on any school property, library property, church property, public playgrounds, public parks or public buildings, or on any parking lot open to public use or on business property other than those business places which have a license for on the premises consumption of beer.

### SECTION VIII

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly resist or in any way interfere with or attempt to interfere with any officer or employee of the City while such officer or employee is performing or attempting to perform his municipal duties.

Any person found guilty of violating this offense shall be fined a maximum of \$50.00.

THESE ORDINANCES shall take effect from and after their passage, the public welfare requiring it.

### Towns of CARTHAGE

Mayor, Donnie Dennis  
Police Chief, Brit Davis

### SOUTH CARTHAGE

Mayor, Jimmy Wheeler  
Police Chief, David Long

### GORDONSVILLE

Mayor, James Milton Gibbs  
Police Chief, Shannon Hunt