## Sec. 62-265. Prohibition on use of plastic-related or metallized decorations and release of balloons

(a) *Definitions*. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Balloon* means an inflatable object made of any material that can be filled with gas or air, and is typically sealed at the neck and tethered, but shall not include inflatable items commonly used in the water, or at the park or beach, such as rafts, toys, balls, balloons released for scientific or meteorological purposes, or hot air balloons.

City facility includes, but is not limited to, any building, structure, park, or golf course owned, operated or managed by the city.

Prohibited decoration item means any plastic-related or metallized decorative material, product, or article designed or used for celebration, display, or ornamentation, including but not limited to glitter, confetti, sequins, tinsel, mylar streamers, artificial decorative petals, metallic garlands, plastic or metallized table scatter, plastic decorative cut -outs, plastic or metallized party poppers or cannons, and similar items that are likely to fragment or disperse in outdoor environments. The term shall not include reusable decorations made exclusively of natural fibers (such as cotton, jute, hemp, or untreated wood, or uncoated paper products that do not contain plastic, plastic coatings, metallized films, or glitter.

Special event permittee means any person or entity, and their subcontractor, issued a special events permit by the city for a special event on city property, in a city facility or in the city's right-of-way or holding a valid city facility rental permit..

- (b) Prohibited release of balloons and use of prohibited decoration items; penalties.
  - (1) Special event permittees and their subcontractors shall not possess and release, disburse, affix, or scatter any prohibited decoration item outdoors on city property, on the exterior of a city facility, or in the city's right-of-way.
  - (2) Upon warning, the special event permittee must remove, or cease the use, release, disbursement, or scattering of any prohibited decoration items as soon as practicable and retrieve or clean up released, disbursed or scattered prohibited decoration items. If the special event permittee does not do so within a reasonable amount of time, he/she may be forced to discontinue the service, sale or participation in the event and the special event permit may be immediately cancelled.
  - (3) Special event permittees and their subcontractors shall not intentionally release, organize the release of, or intentionally cause to be released balloons outdoors. This subsection does not apply to a person six years of age or younger.
  - (4) Upon warning, the special event permittee must cease the release of any balloons as soon as practicable. If the special event permittee does not do so within a reasonable amount of time, he/she may be forced to discontinue the service, sale or participation in the special event and the special event permit may be immediately cancelled.
  - (3) A violation of this section shall constitute a city code violation and may result in the revocation of the special events permit and fines and may be grounds for the placement of conditions on or for denial of a future special events permit.