

ORDINANCE NO. _____
CONCERNING THE DECLARATION OF JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, on June 19th, 1865, the last enslaved African people in the United States were freed; and

WHEREAS, it is important that such a momentous day be remembered; and

THEREFORE, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to declare that June 19th of each year shall be a City holiday known as “Juneteenth.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT Chapter 37 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances be added as follows:

Sec. 37-1. – Declaration of holiday.

The 19th of June of each year is declared a legal holiday in the city of Stamford, and only those city personnel actually necessary to maintain the good order of the city shall work on that day. If the 19th of June falls on a weekend, the holiday shall be celebrated on the following Monday.

Sec. 37-2. When effective.

This chapter shall take effect on adoption and shall be observed yearly.