

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON
BANNING THE WEARING OF MASKS, CLOWN COSTUMES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES
MEANT TO DECEIVE RECOGNITION DURING THE BUTTAHATCHEE RIVER FALL FESTIVAL
HAMILTON, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hamilton, Alabama,
as follows:

This Ordinance is made this the 2nd day of October, 2017, by the Mayor and City Counsel of the City of Hamilton (herein called the "City") to promote, preserve and protect the public safety and welfare of the general public during the City's annual Buttahatchee River Fall Festival event and other festivals and events located with the municipal limits of the City of Hamilton.

WHEREAS, recently, verifiable threats have been posted on numerous social media websites warning of people dressed as clowns taking violent action against children, schools and the general public;

WHEREAS, verifiable threats have been made to the general public by persons wearing masks or other identity deceiving instrumentalities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Hamilton that due to the immediate and legitimate concern for the health, safety and welfare of all those in attendance at the Buttahatchee River Fall Festival and other festivals and events in the City, it is resolved and enacted that the following prohibition be ordained:

It shall be unlawful for any person, over the age of 12 years while wearing a mask, hood, face paint or other device or devices whereby a substantial portion of the face is hidden or covered so as to conceal, in any manner, the identity of the wearer, to be or appear in public or in any public place, or upon the private property in the City. However, the prohibition above shall not apply to persons who are engaged in professions, trades or employment and wearing protective masks which are deemed necessary for the physical safety of the wearer or other persons or to any person wearing a mask, hood or other device for bona fide medical reasons upon the advise of a licensed physician, and carrying on his person an affidavit from the physician specifying the medical necessity for wearing the device and the date on which the wearing of the device will no longer be necessary.

This prohibition shall take effect upon its passage by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hamilton and publication thereof.

SO ADOPTED by the City Council of Hamilton, Alabama, this 2nd day of October, 2017.

MAYOR: _____

Attest: _____