ORDINANCE NO.: 5327

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 36-27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the release of balloons.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 36-27 is hereby created to read as follows:

No person or entity shall intentionally release, organize the release of, or otherwise cause the outdoor release of a balloon inflated with a gas that is lighter than air, except for:

- (1) A balloon released for scientific or metrological purposes, on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant of a governmental contract.
- (2) A hot air balloon that is recovered after launching.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

/s/
Mitch Reynolds, Mayor
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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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