Chapter 241

BALLOON RELEASES

§ 241-1. Purpose and intent. § 241-2. Prohibited releases. § 241-3. Violations and penalties.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank 2-26-2020 by Ord. No. 2020-02. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 241-1. Purpose and intent.

This chapter is adopted to protect the environment, particularly wildlife, and the health, safety and well-being of persons and property by prohibiting the mass release into the atmosphere of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases, including latex and Mylar, as it has been determined that the release of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases pose a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals so as to constitute a public nuisance within the Borough and may pose a threat to the safety of its residents and their property.

§ 241-2. Prohibited releases.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to intentionally release, organize the release, or intentionally cause to be released three or more balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air within the Borough of Red Bank, except for:

- A. Balloon(s) released by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a government contract for scientific or meteorological purposes;
- B. Hot air balloons that are recovered after launching; and
- C. Balloons released indoors.

§ 241-3. Violations and penalties.

Any person found in violation of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of more than \$100 and less than \$1,000.