

## **Local Law 5-2022**

A local law adding a new Chapter 206 (Release of Balloons and Sky Lanterns, Prohibited) of the Village of Ossining Code.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ossining as follows:

**Section 1.** **Chapter 206 (Release of Balloons and Sky Lanterns, Prohibited)** is added to the Village of Ossining Code ("Code") with new matter underlined.

### **Section 206-1 Purposes and intent**

**Although balloons and sky lantern releases are common ways to celebrate and/or memorialize people and/or occasions, there is considerable objective and scientific evidence that such activities are contrary to Village policy and law of not littering, protecting our environment and wildlife and being good stewards of the Hudson River. Therefore the Village Board of Trustees, in the interest of protecting the public health, safety and welfare, believes it is in the best interest of the Village of Ossining to prohibit such releases.**

### **Section 206-2 Prohibition on release**

- A. No person may release, cause to be released, or organize or participate in the release of a balloon or multiple balloons outdoors in the Village of Ossining or on village-owned property.**
- B. No person may release, cause to be released, or organize or participate in the release of a sky lantern or multiple sky lanterns outdoors in the Village of Ossining or on village-owned property. For the purposes of this chapter, "sky lantern" shall mean any device that is comprised of a paper, fabric or other material pulled over a frame with a small candle fuel cell or similar heat source within the frame.**

### **Section 206-3 Exceptions**

**The following exceptions apply to the prohibitions set forth in section 206-2:**

- A. Balloons and or sky lanterns released for scientific or meteorological purposes, on behalf of a governmental agency, pursuant to a government contract.**
- B. Manned hot air balloon that is recovered after launching.**
- C. Balloons and/or sky lanterns released and to remain indoors.**
- D. Accidental release of balloons by a person 13 years of age or younger.**

### **Section 206-4 Penalties for offenses**

**Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of \$250.**

### **Section 206-5 Validity**

**The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.**

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**Effective Date**

**This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.**