

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-247

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Cumber

**Date of Introduction:** April 11, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R

**Date of Analysis:** April 11, 2023

**Type of Action:** *Ordinance Code* amendment

**Bill Summary:** This bill amends Section 685.104 (Prohibited Activities for Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators; Exceptions), Chapter 685 (Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Regulation), *Ordinance Code*. With this amendment, Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators may not display or allow any display of Halloween decorations visible from the exterior of their home, vehicle or property; or any holiday decorative inflatables, holograms, projections, displays over six feet in height, interactive displays, decorations or displays that include a fictitious character, decorations or displays not limited to the actual calendar date of any given nationally or locally recognized holiday or seasonal event or practice.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide clarity as to what displays and decorations are prohibited to minimize or prevent attacks on children premised on decorations or costumes that attract, entice or lure children into vulnerable areas or circumstances, while also conforming to First Amendment rights. Sexual offenders and predators have been known to use certain holiday or seasonal events, decorations, and costumes to attract, entice, or lure children to areas in which those children are susceptible to attack.

**Policy Impact Area:** Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Regulations – holiday decorations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey