

## Urging Residents to Be Safe and Courteous at Halloween and to Observe Trick-or-Treating on October 31, 2024

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** City Council of the City of Dunn that residents who desire to participate in traditional Halloween Trick-or-Treating observe certain safety, courtesy and common sense guidelines to protect participants and preserve the peace for non-participants. And, be it resolved that the City Council suggests the following guidelines:

- (1) That Halloween Trick-or-Treating should take place on Thursday, October 31, 2024 and it is *recommended* that door-to-door trick-or-treating be limited to children 13 and under.
- (2) That all children taking part in Trick-or-Treating should be clothed in safe costumes, featuring materials that can be seen in the dark by motorists and masks that do not obstruct their vision.
- (3) That all children or groups of children taking part in Trick-or-Treating should be accompanied by a responsible older person who can protect the children from harm.
- (4) That Trick-or-Treating be conducted during reasonable hours, *preferably* between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- (5) That those who choose not to participate in Halloween indicate so to others by leaving their porch lights off; and, that participants respect the wishes of those who choose not to participate in Trick-or-Treating by not visiting homes with the porch lights off.
- (6) That children Trick-or-Treat in their own neighborhoods, visiting only familiar homes.
- (7) That parents and/or guardians inspect collected treats carefully before they are consumed by children and that suspicious activities or collected treats that show signs of tampering be reported immediately to the Dunn Police Department.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2024.

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ATTEST:

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City Clerk