

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRESNO,
CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2-702 OF THE FRESNO
MUNICIPAL CODE, BANNING DISPLAY OR SALE OF THE
CONFEDERATE FLAG BY THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the Confederate flag, also known as the Battle Flag of the Confederacy, symbolizes southern pride to some, but is seen by many as a symbol of racism and hatred; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno desires to honor the victims of the mass-shooting in Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and a growing number of agencies and organizations have banned the sale or display of the Confederate flag.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2-702 of the Fresno Municipal Code is added to read:

SECTION 2-702. Confederate Flag. The City of Fresno may not display or sell the Battle Flag of the Confederacy, also referred to as the Stars and Bars, or any similar image, or tangible personal property inscribed with such an image, unless the image appears in a book, digital medium, or city museum that serves an educational or historical purpose.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective and in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first day after its final passage.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2015
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2015
Mayor Veto: _____, 2015
Council Override Vote: _____, 2015

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Laurie Avedisian-Favini
Supervising Deputy City Attorney

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