



# City of Charles Town

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## RESOLUTION

### Celebrating Halloween in Charles Town, WV

**WHEREAS**, the origins of Halloween date back many years and began with an annual celebration of the harvest and the start of a new year; and

**WHEREAS**, over time the traditions of Halloween changed to include carving pumpkins, bobbing for apples, and children wearing costumes seeking treats from their neighbors as opposed to performing small pranks or tricks on them; and

**WHEREAS**, the tradition of trick-or-treating is generally celebrated in Charles Town and other neighboring communities each year in the early evening hours of October 31; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of traditional Halloween activities in the era of COVID-19 will require some extra safety precautions by all to ensure a safe and fun evening for participants.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, pending guidance to the contrary from the State of West Virginia or the Jefferson County Health Department, the City Council declares that trick-or-treating in Charles Town, WV will occur between the hours of 6 to 8 pm on October 31, 2020 and residents, visitors, and motorists in our community during those hours are encouraged to be extra attentive to the activities of others to ensure a safe and fun experience for all; and

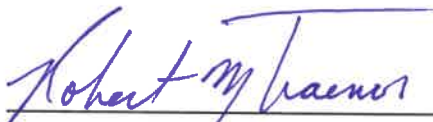
**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council encourages all those in our City participating in trick-or-treating activities to exercise the following tips for a safe and healthy Halloween:

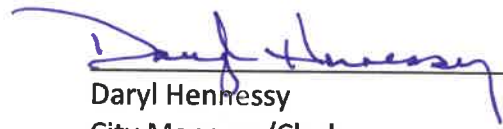
- if you are not feeling well or if you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please stay at home and refrain from handing out candy to trick-or-treaters;
- incorporate a mask or face-covering in your costume or wear one if you are accompanying others who are trick-or-treating;
- respect those households that do not have a porch light on by refraining from knocking on their door;
- for households that place candy in a bowl on the front porch or step for visitors, please take a piece, leave the rest for others, and limit touching other surfaces;

- maintain six feet of social distancing from others who are not members of the same household; and
- carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.

The Charles Town City Council wishes for all those who participate in any of this year's Halloween traditions to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2020.

  
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Robert M. Trainor  
Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Daryl Hennessy  
City Manager/Clerk