

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF
TRICK OR TREAT VISITATIONS FOR
THE TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Wilson's Mills as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this article is to protect the activity of "trick or treat" for young children under the age of twelve (12) years old, to promote the health, safety and welfare of both children and adults by creating an environment offering better protection and security for all concerned.

Section 2. Offenses

- 1) It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public street or alley of the town or upon any property than his own premises for the purpose of making trick or treat visitations, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.
- 2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to children twelve (12) years of age and under before the hour of 8:00 p.m. on each Halloween night in the residential areas of the town.
- 3) It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person standing *loca parentis* to knowingly permit any minor child or ward in his care and custody to violate the provisions of this section.

Section 3. Enforcement

- 1) When a person is found to be in violation of this article, the officer will take the person to the residence of his/her parent or legal guardian with a written warning.
- 2) If a person is found to be in violation a second time the parent or legal guardian will be charged under Town Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoptions.

Duly adopted this 17th day of May, 2010

PHILLIP R. WRIGHT, Mayor

Attest:

LEIGHANNA T. WORLEY, Town Clerk