



Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Date: 5/7/24

Item #: 6

Item Title: Consideration of Ordinance Banning Release of Balloons

Item Summary: The Town Council has had a discussion about the release of balloons into the air and their negative environmental impacts. A resolution was passed at the March 12, 2024, Council meeting opposing the release of balloons. Further discussion led to the Council's direction given to Town Staff to draft an ordinance banning the release of balloons to be considered at the May 7, 2024, Council meeting. Staff has asked that the other towns in Dare County that are considering such an ordinance to be as consistent with one another as possible.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recognizes the negative environmental impacts that balloons have on our surrounding area. Staff also recognizes the difficulty of enforcing the attached ordinance and will first seek to use the ordinance as a means to educate citizens rather than issuing citations.

Requested Action: A motion to approve the attached ordinance.

Attachments: Draft ordinance