



Application of sexual minorities to hold gay parade denied - Moscow mayor's office

“The application has been considered. The event has not been permitted,” first deputy head of the Moscow mayor’s office department for regional security and fighting corruption Vasily Oleynik told *Interfax* on Wednesday.

“The reason is that children and teenagers can become involuntarily witnesses of what is happening,” Oleynik said.

Actions of rally participants could insult “religious and moral feelings and human dignity,” he said.

Notification on holding the annual gay parade on May 31 has been submitted to the Moscow mayor’s office, founder of the Moscow gay parade movement Nikolay Alexeyev said.

On May 15 the Moscow authorities denied the request of sexual minorities to hold a march on the pedestrian section of Tverskoy Boulevard on May 27 – sexual minorities intended to hold a march named after Conchita Wurst.

The *Eurovision 2014* music contest held in Denmark on May 6-10 was won by transvestite, “bearded lady” Thomas Neuwirt from Austria who performed under the pseudonym of Conchita Wurst.