

CHAPTER 6

Regulation and Licensing of Fireworks

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- (a) **Definition.** In this Section, "fireworks" means anything manufactured, processed or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks or combustion which does not have another common use, but does not include any of the following:
- 1 Fuel or a lubricant.
 - 2 A firearm cartridge or shotgun shell.
 - 3 A flare used or possessed or sold for use as a signal in an emergency or in the operation of a railway, aircraft, watercraft or motor vehicle.
 - 4) A match, cigarette lighter, stove, furnace, candle, lantern or space heater.
 - 5) A cap containing not more than one-quarter (1/4) grain of explosive mixture, if the cap is used or possessed or sold for use in a device which prevents direct bodily contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion.
 - 6 7 A toy snake which contains no mercury.
A model rocket engine.
 - 8 Tobacco and a tobacco product.
 - (9) A sparkler on a wire or wood stick not exceeding thirty-six (36) inches in length or 0.25 inch in outside diameter which does not contain magnesium, chlorate or perchlorate.
 - (10) A device designed to spray out paper confetti or streamers and which contains less than one-quarter (1/4) grain of explosive mixture.
 - (11) A device designed to produce an audible sound but not explode, spark, move or emit an external flame after ignition and which does not exceed three (3) grams in total weight.
 - (12) A device that emits smoke with no external flame and does not leave the ground.
 - (13) A cylindrical fountain not exceeding one hundred (100) grams in total weight with an inside tube diameter not exceeding 0.75 inch, designed to sit on the ground and emit only sparks and smoke.
 - (14) A cone fountain not exceeding seventy-five (75) grams in total weight, designed to sit on the ground and emit only sparks and smoke.
- (b) **Sale.** No person may sell or possess with intent to sell fireworks, except:
- To a person holding a permit under Subsection (c)(3);
 - To a municipality; or
 - For a purpose specified under Subsection (c)(2)b-f.
- (c) **Use.**
- (1) Permit Required. No person may possess or use fireworks without a user's permit from the Village President or from an official or employee of the Village as designated by the Village Board. No person may use fireworks or a device listed under Subsection (a)(5)-(7) and (9)-(14) while attending a fireworks display for which a permit has been issued to a person listed under Subparagraph (c)(3)a-e or under Subparagraph (c)(3)f if the display is open to the general public.
 - (2) Permit Exceptions. Subparagraph (c)(1) above does not apply to:

- a. The Village, except that Village fire and law enforcement officials shall be notified of the proposed use of fireworks at least two (2) days in advance.
 - b. The possession or use of explosives in accordance with rules or general orders of the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.
 - c. The disposal of hazardous substances in accordance with rules adopted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 - d. The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in any manufacturing process.
 - e. The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in connection with classes conducted by educational institutions.
 - f. A possessor or manufacturer of explosives in possession of a license or permit under 18 U.S.C. 841 to 848 if the possession of the fireworks is authorized under the license or permit.
- (3) Who May Obtain Permit. A permit under this Subsection may be issued only to the following:
- a. A public authority.
 - b. A fair association.
 - c. An amusement park.
 - d. A park board.
 - e. A civic organization.
 - f. An agricultural producer for the protection of crops from predatory birds or animals.
- (4) Crop Protection Signs. A person issued a permit for crop protection shall erect appropriate warning signs disclosing the use of fireworks for crop protection.
- (5) Bond. The Village President issuing a permit under this Subsection shall require an indemnity bond with good and sufficient sureties or policy of liability insurance for the payment of all claims that may arise by reason of injuries to person or property from the handling, use or discharge of fireworks under the permit. The bond or policy shall be taken in the name of the Village, and any person injured thereby may bring an action on the bond or policy in the person's own name to recover the damage the person has sustained, but the aggregate liability of the surety or insurer to all persons shall not exceed the amount of the bond or policy. The bond or policy, together with a copy of the permit, shall be filed in the officer of the Village.
- (6) Required Information for Permit. A permit under this Subsection shall specify all of the following:
- a. The name and address of the permit holder.
 - b. The date on and after which fireworks may be purchased.
 - c. The kind and quantity of fireworks which may be purchased.
 - d. The date and location of permitted use.
 - e. Other special conditions prescribed by ordinance
- (7) Copy of Permit. A copy of a permit under this Subsection shall be given to the Fire Chief at least two (2) days before the date of authorized use.
- (8) Minors Prohibited. A permit under this Subsection may not be issued to a minor.
- (d) **Storage and Handling.**
- (1) Fire Extinguishers Required. No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store or handle fireworks on the premises unless the premises are equipped with fire extinguishers approved by the Fire Chief.

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- (2) Smoking Prohibited. No person may smoke where fireworks are stored or handled.
 - (3) Fire Chief to be Notified. A person who stores or handles fireworks shall notify the Fire Chief of the location of the fireworks.
 - (4) Storage Distance. No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store fireworks within five hundred (500) feet of a dwelling.
 - (5) Restrictions on Storage. No person may store fireworks within five hundred (500) feet of a public assemblage or place where gasoline or volatile liquid is sold in quantities exceeding one (1) gallon.
- (e) **Parental Liability.** A parent or legal guardian of a minor who consents to the use of fireworks by the minor is liable for damages caused by the minor's use of the fireworks.

CHAPTER 7

Street Use Permits

7-7-1 Street Use Permits

SEC. 7-7-1 STREET USE PERMITS.

- (a) **Purpose.** The streets in possession of the Village are primarily for the use of the public in the ordinary way. However, under proper circumstances, the Village Clerk may grant a permit for street use, subject to reasonable municipal regulation and control. Therefore, this Chapter is enacted to regulate and control the use of streets pursuant to a Street Use Permit to the end that the health, safety and general welfare of the public and the good order of the Village can be protected and maintained.
- (b) **Application.** A written application for a Street Use Permit by persons or groups desiring the same shall be made on a form provided by the Village Clerk and shall be filed with the Village Clerk. The application shall set forth the following information regarding the proposed street use:
- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant or applicants.
 - (2) If the proposed street use is to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization and of the authorizing responsible heads of such organization.
 - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons who will be responsible for conducting the proposed use of the street.
 - (4) The date and duration of time for which the requested use of the street is proposed to occur.
 - (5) An accurate description of that portion of the street proposed to be used.
 - 6) The approximate number of persons for whom use of the proposed street area is requested.
 - (7) The proposed use, described in detail, for which the Street Use Permit is requested.
- (c) **Representative at Meeting.** The person or representative of the group making application for a Street Use Permit shall be present when the Village Board gives consideration to the granting of said Street Use Permit to provide any additional information which is reasonably necessary to make a fair determination as to whether a permit should be granted.
- (d) **Denial of Street Use Permit.** An application for a Street Use Permit may be denied if:
- (1) The proposed street use is primarily for commercial gain.
 - (2) The proposed street use would violate any federal or state law or any Ordinance of the Village.
 - (3) The proposed street use will substantially hinder the movement of police, fire or emergency vehicles, constituting a risk to persons or property.
 - (4) The application for a Street Use Permit does not contain the information required above.
 - (5) The application requests a period for the use of the street in excess of five (5) days.

- (6) The proposed use could equally be held in a public park or other location. In addition to the requirement that the application for a Street Use Permit shall be denied, as hereinabove set forth, the Village Board may deny a permit for any other reason or reasons if it concludes that the health, safety and general welfare of the public cannot adequately be protected and maintained if the permit is granted.

Insurance. The applicant for a Street Use Permit may be required to indemnify, defend and hold the Village and its employees and agents harmless against all claims, liability, loss, damage or expense incurred by the Village on account of any injury to or death of any person or any damage to property caused by or resulting from the activities for which the permit is granted. As evidence of the applicant's ability to perform the conditions of the permit, the applicant may be required to furnish a Certificate of Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with the Village of Nichols. The applicant may be required to furnish a performance bond prior to being granted the permit.

Termination of a Street Use Permit. A Street Use Permit for an event in progress may be terminated by the Village President or a law enforcement officer if the health, safety and welfare of the public appears to be endangered by activities generated as a result of the event or the event is in violation of any of the conditions of the permits or ordinances of the Village of Nichols. The Village President or a law enforcement officer has the authority to revoke a permit or terminate an event in progress if the event organizers fail to comply with any of the regulations in the street use policy or conditions stated in the permit.