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**CHAPTER 1501**  
**Ohio Fire Code**

<b>1501.01</b>	<b>Adoption.</b>	<b>1501.06</b>	<b>Smoking prohibited</b>
<b>1501.02</b>	<b>Inspection and sale copies.</b>		<b>in City buildings</b>
<b>1501.03</b>	<b>Amendments.</b>		<b>and vehicles.</b>
<b>1501.04</b>	<b>Permit fees.</b>	<b>1501.99</b>	<b>Penalty.</b>
<b>1501.05</b>	<b>Fire damaged structures; removal or repair securing funds.</b>		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
Appeals of orders - see Ohio R.C. 119.12  
State certification of firefighters - see Ohio R.C. 737.08,  
737.22, 737.33  
State certification of Fire Safety Inspectors - see Ohio R.C.  
3737.01(C), 3737.34  
Fire investigation - see Ohio R.C. 737.27, 737.24 et seq.  
Entry and Inspection - see Ohio R.C. 737.34 et seq.,  
3737.14, 3737.41,  
3737.42  
Common Pleas Court jurisdiction - see Ohio R.C. 3737.44(A),  
3737.51(H)  
Ohio Fire Code - see Ohio R.C. 3737.82 et seq.; OAC Ch.  
1301:7-1 et seq.  
Fire extinguishing and alarm systems in rest and nursing  
homes - see Ohio R.C. 3721.071  
Self-service filling stations - see Ohio R.C. 3741.14  
Fireworks - see Ohio R.C. 3743.27, 3743.32 et seq.

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**1501.01 ADOPTION.**

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.08 of the Charter there is hereby adopted, as the Fire Prevention Code of the City, the most current edition of the Ohio Fire Code.

(b) The most current edition of the Ohio Fire Code, as adopted by the State of Ohio, is incorporated herein as fully as if set out at length.  
(Ord. 1993-12. Passed 12-13-93.)

**1501.02 INSPECTION AND SALE COPIES.**

Pursuant to Section 3.08 of the Charter, six copies of the Fire Prevention Code adopted herein shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Manager and Council Clerk during regular business hours, for consultation by interested persons. Copies shall also be available for sale in the Offices of the Council Clerk and City Manager.  
(Ord. 1993-12. Passed 12-13-93.)

**1501.03 AMENDMENTS.**

The Ohio Fire Code adopted herein, is amended and changed as follows:

Section 1301:7-3-06 Variances.

This section is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

1301:7-3-06 Board of Appeals.

Appeals to the Board may be taken by any person aggrieved by any decision or interpretation by the Fire Official made under the provisions of this Code. The Board of Appeals shall consist of five members who are qualified by experience and training to rule on matters pertaining to building construction and fire prevention. The Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of Council and shall hold office in accordance with the terms of the appointment. The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its hearings and the results shall be made a part of the public record.

Section FM-2707.3 Bond or Insurance.

This section is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

FM-2707.3 Bond or insurance.

The applicant for a fireworks exhibition permit shall provide to the local fire official and law enforcement officer an indemnity bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) with surety satisfactory to the fire official and law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction, conditioned for payment of all final judgments that may be rendered against the exhibitor or the jurisdiction on account of injury, death, or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition or for the liability arising from injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition.

(Ord. 1993-12. Passed 12-13-93.)

**1501.04 PERMIT FEES.**

The fee for all permits required by the Fire Code, herein enacted shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) except for a permit for the installation of tanks for the storage of flammable and/or combustible liquids, which fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each such container or tank.  
(Ord. 1993-12. Passed 12-13-93.)

**1501.05 FIRE DAMAGED STRUCTURES; REMOVAL OR REPAIR SECURING FUNDS.**

The Municipality hereby authorized the procedure described in Ohio R.C. 3929.96(C) and (D) to be implemented whereby no insurance company doing business in the State shall pay a claim of a named insured for fire damage to a structure located within the Municipality unless the applicable provisions of Ohio R.C. 3929.86 are fully complied with. The Fire Chief is hereby designated as the officer authorized to carry out the duties of Ohio R.C. 3929.86. The Clerk of Council shall file a certified copy of this section with the State Superintendent of Insurance. (Ord. 1993-12. Passed 12-13-93.)

**1501.06 SMOKING PROHIBITED IN CITY BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES.**

(a) No person shall at any time smoke or carry a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or match, or use any spark or flame producing device in any of its buildings or vehicles.

(b) Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor subject to the penalty provided in the Codified Ordinances Section 501.99. (Ord. 1994-1. Passed 2-28-94.)

**1501.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter, the Ohio Fire Code adopted hereunder, or any lawful order issued pursuant thereto is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense; on the second offense within one year after the first offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Any such violation shall constitute a separate offense on each successive day continued. (Ord. 1993-12. Passed 12-13-93.)



**CHAPTER 1503**  
**Storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas**

<b>1503.01</b>	<b>Rules established.</b>	<b>1503.05</b>	<b>Appeals.</b>
<b>1503.02</b>	<b>Small tanks or containers.</b>	<b>1503.06</b>	<b>Revocation of permits.</b>
<b>1503.03</b>	<b>Large tanks or containers;</b>	<b>1503.07</b>	<b>Interpretation of regulations.</b>
	<b>permit.</b>	<b>1503.99</b>	<b>Penalty.</b>
<b>1503.04</b>	<b>Fire limit districts.</b>		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Storage limits - see FIRE PREV. 1501.04

Liquefied petroleum gas - see OAC 1301:7-7-31;  
 FIRE PREV. 1501.03

**1503.01 RULES ESTABLISHED.**

Rules, regulations and permit requirements governing the installation and maintenance of liquefied petroleum gas tanks and containers are hereby established for the City. (Ord. 1973-16. Passed 3-26-73.)

**1503.02 SMALL TANKS OR CONTAINERS.**

Tanks or containers for liquefied petroleum gas of 125 gallons or less capacity shall be installed on a stable base and be anchored by at least one-eighth inch chain or cable or comparable fasteners. (Ord. 1973-16. Passed 3-26-73.)

**1503.03 LARGE TANKS OR CONTAINERS; PERMIT.**

Tanks and containers for liquefied petroleum gas of more than 125 gallons capacity shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:

- (a) All such tanks and other containers, together with piping, tubing and hoses shall be tested for leaks at operating pressures after assembly and installation.
- (b) All such tanks and containers shall have safety valves as required by law.
- (c) All above ground tanks and containers shall be kept properly painted.
- (d) The Chief of the Fire Division may require all such tanks and containers to be enclosed with an industrial type fence no less than six feet in height, which fence shall have at least one means of emergency exit located to the side of the tank, and which fence shall at no point be nearer than three feet to the tank or container. The Chief of the Fire Division shall determine the requirements of fencing for each installation and shall base his determination on the need of fencing as it relates to the safety of the public.

- (e) All such tanks and containers shall be installed on a cement or other approved foundation and containers shall be mounted on saddles which permit expansion and contraction.
- (f) The area between such tank or container and the fence surrounding the same shall be covered with a plastic or similar type material and shall then be covered with crushed stone to a depth of at least four inches,
- (g) All installations shall have adequate provision for expansion, contraction, jarring, vibration and settling by making use of flexible connections or other approved means.
- (h) No such tanks or containers shall be installed underground nor shall any such tanks or containers be installed on any roof or other location determined by the Chief of the Fire Division to be hazardous or unsuitable.
- (i) Anyone wishing to build, erect, install or construct such a tank or other container shall first apply to the Chief of the Fire Division for a permit authorizing such building, erection, installation or construction. Application shall be made upon forms made available and approved by the Chief and the application shall be accompanied by plans and drawings showing the proposed location of the bulk tank or container and indicating the distance of the tank or container from property lines, buildings and structures of any kind, and from the fence mentioned in subsection (d) hereof, if required.  
(Ord. 1973-16. Passed 3-26-73.)

#### **1503.04 FIRE LIMIT DISTRICTS.**

No tanks or containers for liquefied petroleum gas, regardless of capacity, shall be installed or permitted to remain within any area which by ordinance has been or is hereafter designated as a fire limit district. However, the Chief of the Fire Division may, in his discretion, issue permits for the temporary use of propane within a fire limit district.  
(Ord. 1973-16. Passed 3-26-73.)

#### **1503.05 APPEALS.**

Whenever the Chief of the Fire Division disapproves an application for a permit required under this chapter, or when it is claimed that the provisions of this chapter do not apply, or that the true intent and meaning of this chapter have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal such decision within thirty days from the date thereof to Council.  
(Ord. 1973-16 Passed 3-26-73.)

#### **1503.06 REVOCATION OF PERMITS.**

A permit which is issued by virtue of this chapter shall nevertheless be subject to revocation by the Chief of the Fire Division when it is determined that the holder of the permit is in violation of any provision of this chapter relating to the subject matter of the permit.  
(Ord. 1973-16. Passed 3-26-73.)

#### **1503.07 INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS.**

The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to prevent, nor is it intended to prevent, the enforcement of other ordinances, codes, statutes or regulations which prescribe more restrictive limitations or which require higher standards, nor shall the same be construed so as to permit or authorize the use, occupancy or operation prohibited by the Codified Ordinances. (Ord. 1973-16 Passed 3-26-73.)



**1503.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Whoever:

- (1) Violates any provision of this chapter;
- (2) Fails to comply herewith;
- (3) Fails to obtain the permit herein required;
- (4) Violates or fails to comply with any order made hereunder;
- (5) Builds, constructs or erects any tank or container in violation of any provisions hereof or in violation of the plans submitted with the application for a permit or any permit issued hereunder and from which no appeal has been taken; or
- (6) Fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Appeals or by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall, for each violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.



## CHAPTER 1505 Open Burning

<b>1505.01</b>	<b>Fires prohibited.</b>	<b>1505.05</b>	<b>Burning in parks, beaches and public property.</b>
<b>1505.02</b>	<b>Burning location restricted on public property.</b>	<b>1505.06</b>	<b>Special permit for noncompliance; exceptions.</b>
<b>1505.03</b>	<b>Burning during construction or demolition of buildings.</b>	<b>1505.07</b>	<b>Chief of the Fire Division may prohibit.</b>
<b>1505.04</b>	<b>Fires prohibited on street pavement.</b>	<b>1505.99</b>	<b>Penalty.</b>

### CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Air pollution control - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 3704  
 Municipal authorization for open burning - see Ohio R.C. 3704.12  
 Spreading fire through negligence - see Ohio R.C. 3737.62  
 Bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires - see OAC 1301:7-7-03

### **1505.01 FIRES PROHIBITED.**

No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained within the municipal boundaries unless specifically provided herein. Allowed open burning includes bonfires, campfires and use of outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes, if the following are met:

- (a) They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood;
- (b) They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and
- (c) They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.
- (d) Burning of yard waste, leaves and garden waste is strictly prohibited.
- (e) All such fires shall be located a minimum of twenty-five feet from any structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within twenty-five feet of a structure shall be eliminated with the following exception:
  - (1) Fires in an approved outdoor fireplace, chimenea, metal ring, stone/brick surrounds, or a metal container with a wire mesh screen may be located within fifteen feet of a structure provided they are placed on a noncombustible surface such as a concrete patio.
  - (2) Outdoor fireplaces (chimineas) are prohibited from use on any wood deck, balconies, or under an overhanging structure.
- (f) A method of extinguishment; garden hose, bucket of sand/dirt/water, or an extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A shall be readily available.

- (g) All fires shall be attended constantly until properly extinguished.
- (h) Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions due to atmospheric conditions or when local circumstances make such fire hazardous shall be prohibited. The Fire Department has the authority to order extinguishment of the fire. (Ord. 2018-23. Passed 8-28-18.)

#### **1505.02 BURNING LOCATION RESTRICTED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private land unless: (1) the location is not less than fifty feet from any structure and adequate provision is made to prevent fire from spreading to within fifty feet of any structure, or; (2) the fire is contained in approved waste burner located safely not less than fifteen feet from any structure.

#### **1505.03 BURNING DURING CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS.**

During construction or demolition of buildings or structures, no waste materials or rubbish shall be disposed of by burning on the premises or in the immediate vicinity without having obtained a permit or other proper authorization from the Fire Chief, subject to the approval of the City Manager.

#### **1505.04 FIRES PROHIBITED ON STREET PAVEMENT.**

No person shall kindle, ignite, set or otherwise start or maintain fires of grass, brush, trash, leaves, straw or other combustible rubbish or material on the pavement of any public road or street of the City. (Ord. 276. Passed 2-8-54. )

#### **1505.05 BURNING IN PARKS, BEACHES AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

No person shall build, make or start a fire within or upon any public park, bathing beach or other public property owned by or under the control and supervision of the City, except in fireplaces, charcoal burners or other appliances placed and furnished by the City for such purpose. (Ord. 453. Passed 6-27-60.)

#### **1505.06 SPECIAL PERMIT FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; EXCEPTIONS.**

Any person desiring to kindle, ignite, set or otherwise start or maintain fires of grass, brush, trash, leaves, straw or other combustible rubbish or material within the City, other than in the manner provided for in this chapter, shall first apply to the Chief of the Fire Division, who may grant a written permit therefor under such proper safeguards as he may direct within his discretion.

In the issuance of such permit, the Chief shall be guided by whether the proposed fire will be located where it cannot spread to other combustible material and will not endanger any building or other structure and will be suitable attended. In no case shall such fire be left unattended until extinguished or safely covered. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of a fire for outdoor cooking or for recreation, if such fires are properly attended and extinguished when not attended. (Ord. 1969-28. Passed 4-28-69.)

#### **1505.07 CHIEF OF THE FIRE DIVISION MAY PROHIBIT.**

The Chief of the Fire Division may prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. (Ord. 1969-28. Passed 4-28-69. )

#### **1505.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Any such violation shall constitute a separate offense on each successive day continued.

## CHAPTER 1519 Fireworks

<b>1519.01</b>	<b>Definitions.</b>	<b>1519.05</b>	<b>Application.</b>
<b>1519.02</b>	<b>Public exhibition permit required; fee; bond; records.</b>	<b>1519.06</b>	<b>Safety requirements for fireworks showroom structures.</b>
<b>1519.03</b>	<b>Unlawful conduct by exhibitor.</b>	<b>1519.07</b>	<b>Purchase, use, and local regulation of consumer-grade fireworks.</b>
<b>1519.04</b>	<b>Possession, sale or discharge prohibited; exceptions.</b>	<b>1519.99</b>	<b>Penalty.</b>

### CROSS REFERENCES

Manufacturers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.06(F)  
 Wholesalers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.19(G)  
 Arrests, seizure of fireworks by certified fire safety inspector - see Ohio R.C. 3743.68  
 Conflict of Fire Marshal's rules with rules of Ohio Board of Building Standards - see Ohio R.C. 3781.11(D)

### **1519.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Beer" and "intoxicating liquor" have the same meanings as in section 4301.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (b) "Booby trap" means a small tube that has a string protruding from both ends, that has a friction-sensitive composition, and that is ignited by pulling the ends of the string.
- (c) "Cigarette load" means a small wooden peg that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that is ignited in a cigarette.
- (d) (1) "1.3G fireworks" means display fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States department of transportation as expressed using the designation "division 1.3" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.
- (2) "1.4G fireworks" means consumer fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States department of transportation as expressed using the designation "division 1.4" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

- (e) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (f) "Fireworks" means any composition or device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, except ordinary matches and except as provided in section 3743.80 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (g) "Fireworks plant" means all buildings and other structures in which the manufacturing of fireworks, or the storage or sale of manufactured fireworks by a manufacturer, takes place.
- (h) "Fountain device" means a specific type of 1.4G firework that meets all of the following criteria:
  - (1) It is nonaerial and nonreport producing.
  - (2) It is recognized and manufactured in accordance with sections 3.1.1 and 3.5 of APA standard 87-1 (2001 edition).
  - (3) It is a ground-based or hand-held sparkler with one or more tubes containing a nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition, with or without additional effects that may include a colored flame, audible crackling effect, audible whistle effect, or smoke.
  - (4) It contains not more than seventy-five grams of the nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture in any individual tube and not more than five hundred grams or less for multiple tubes.
- (i) "Highway" means any public street, road, alley, way, lane, or other public thoroughfare.
- (j) "Licensed exhibitor of fireworks" or "licensed exhibitor" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.50 to 3743.55 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (k) "Licensed fountain device retailer" or "licensed retailer" means a person licensed pursuant to section 3743.26 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (l) "Licensed manufacturer of fireworks" or "licensed manufacturer" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.02 to 3743.08 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (m) "Licensed wholesaler of fireworks" or "licensed wholesaler" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.15 to 3743.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (n) "List of licensed exhibitors" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.51 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (o) "List of licensed manufacturers" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (p) "List of licensed wholesalers" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (q) "Manufacturing of fireworks" means the making of fireworks from raw materials, none of which in and of themselves constitute a fireworks, or the processing of fireworks.
- (r) "Navigable waters" means any body of water susceptible of being used in its ordinary condition as a highway of commerce over which trade and travel is or may be conducted in the customary modes, but does not include a body of water that is not capable of navigation by barges, tugboats, and other large vessels.
- (s) "Novelties and trick noisemakers" include the following items:
  - (1) Devices that produce a small report intended to surprise the user, including, but not limited to, booby traps, cigarette loads, party poppers, and snappers;
  - (2) Snakes or glow worms;
  - (3) Smoke devices;
  - (4) Trick matches.

- (t) "Party popper" means a small plastic or paper item that contains not more than sixteen milligrams of friction-sensitive explosive composition, that is ignited by pulling a string protruding from the item, and from which paper streamers are expelled when the item is ignited.
- (u) "Processing of fireworks" means the making of fireworks from materials all or part of which in and of themselves constitute a fireworks, but does not include the mere packaging or repackaging of fireworks.
- (v) "Railroad" means any railway or railroad that carries freight or passengers for hire, but does not include auxiliary tracks, spurs, and sidings installed and primarily used in serving a mine, quarry, or plant.
- (w) "Retail sale" or "sell at retail" means a sale of fireworks to a purchaser who intends to use the fireworks, and not resell them.
- (x) "Smoke device" means a tube or sphere that contains pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.
- (y) "Snake or glow worm" means a device that consists of a pressed pellet of pyrotechnic composition that produces a large, snake-like ash upon burning, which ash expands in length as the pellet burns.
- (z) "Snapper" means a small, paper-wrapped item that contains a minute quantity of explosive composition coated on small bits of sand, and that, when dropped, implodes.
- (aa) "Trick match" means a kitchen or book match that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that, upon ignition, produces a small report or a shower of sparks.
- (bb) "Wire sparkler" means a sparkler consisting of a wire or stick coated with a nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition and that contains no more than one hundred grams of this mixture.
- (cc) "Wholesale sale" or "sell at wholesale" means a sale of fireworks to a purchaser who intends to resell the fireworks so purchased.
- (dd) "Licensed premises" means the real estate upon which a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks conducts business.
- (ee) "Licensed building" means a building on the licensed premises of a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks that is approved for occupancy by the building official having jurisdiction.
- (ff) "Fireworks incident" means any action or omission that occurs at a fireworks exhibition, that results in injury or death, or a substantial risk of injury or death, to any person, and that involves either of the following:
  - (1) The handling or other use, or the results of the handling or other use, of fireworks or associated equipment or other materials;
  - (2) The failure of any person to comply with any applicable requirement imposed by this chapter or any applicable rule adopted under this chapter.
- (gg) "Discharge site" means an area immediately surrounding the mortars used to fire aerial shells.
- (hh) "Fireworks incident site" means a discharge site or other location at a fireworks exhibition where a fireworks incident occurs, a location where an injury or death associated with a fireworks incident occurs, or a location where evidence of a fireworks incident or an injury or death associated with a fireworks incident is found.

- (ii) "Storage location" means a single parcel or contiguous parcels of real estate approved by the state fire marshal pursuant to division (I) of section 3743.04 of the Ohio Revised Code or division (F) of section 3743.17 of the Ohio Revised Code that are separate from a licensed premises containing a retail showroom, and which parcel or parcels a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks may use only for the distribution, possession, and storage of fireworks in accordance with this chapter.  
(ORC 3743.01; Ord. 2022-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

**1519.02 PUBLIC EXHIBITION PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE; BOND; RECORDS.**

(a) A licensed exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition within the Municipality shall apply for approval to conduct the exhibition to the Fire Chief and from the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

The required approval shall be evidenced by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, signing a permit for the exhibition, the form for which shall be prescribed by the State Fire Marshal. Any exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition may obtain a copy of the form from the Fire Marshal or, if it is available, from the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

(b) Before a permit is signed and issued to a licensed exhibitor of fireworks, the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall inspect the premises on which the exhibition will take place and shall determine that, in fact, the applicant for the permit is a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. Each applicant shall show the applicant's license as an exhibitor of fireworks to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer.

The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall give approval to conduct a public fireworks exhibition only if satisfied, based on the inspection, that the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted allow the exhibitor to comply with the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) and that the applicant is, in fact, a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, may inspect the premises immediately prior to the exhibition to determine if the exhibitor has complied with the rules, and may revoke the permit for noncompliance with the rules.  
(ORC 3743.54)

(c) The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the applicant pays a permit fee of One Hundred Twenty Five dollars (\$125.00) plus any necessary costs of investigation of the applicant and of inspecting the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted.



Each exhibitor shall provide an indemnity bond in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000), with surety satisfactory to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and to Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, conditioned for the payment of all final judgments that may be rendered against the exhibitor on account of injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition, or proof of insurance coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for liability arising from injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition. The Legislative Authority may require the exhibitor to provide an indemnity bond or proof of insurance coverage in amounts greater than those required by this subsection. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the exhibitor provides the bond or proof of the insurance coverage required by this subsection.

- (d)
  - (1) Each permit for a fireworks exhibition issued by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall contain a distinct number, designate the Municipality, and identify the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer who will be present before, during, and after the exhibition, where appropriate. A copy of each permit issued shall be forwarded by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, issuing it to the Fire Marshal, who shall keep a record of the permits received. A permit is not transferable or assignable.
  - (2) The Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall keep a record of issued permits for fireworks exhibitions. In this list, the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall list the name of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's license number, the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted, the date and time of the exhibition and the number of the permit issued to the exhibitor for the exhibition.

(e) The governing authority having jurisdiction in the location where an exhibition is to take place shall require that a certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer be present before, during, and after the exhibition, and shall require the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer to inspect the premises where the exhibition is to take place and determine whether the exhibition is in compliance with this chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 3743. (ORC 3743.54; Ord. 2022-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

#### **1519.03 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY EXHIBITOR.**

(a) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall fail to comply with the applicable requirements of the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) or to comply with Divisions (C) and (D) of that section.

(b) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall conduct a fireworks exhibition unless a permit has been secured for the exhibition pursuant to Section 1519.02 or if a permit so secured is revoked by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement official or a designee of such Police Chief or other similar law enforcement official pursuant to that section.

(c) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall acquire fireworks for use at a fireworks exhibition other than in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54 and 3743.55.

(d) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks or other person associated with the conduct of a fireworks exhibition shall have possession or control of, or be under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer or controlled substance while on the premises on which the exhibition is being conducted.

(e) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall permit an employee to assist the licensed exhibitor in conducting fireworks exhibitions unless the employee is registered with the Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. 3743.56. (ORC 3743.64; Ord. 2022-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

#### **1519.04 POSSESSION, SALE, AND USE RESTRICTIONS.**

(a) No person shall possess fireworks in this Municipality or shall possess for sale or sell fireworks in this Municipality, except a licensed manufacturer of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08, a licensed wholesaler of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21, a shipping permit holder as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.40, a licensed fountain device retailer as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.27, a person as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.44 to 3743.45 and Section 1519.07, or a licensed exhibitor of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02 and except as provided in Section 1519.05.

(b) Except as provided in Sections 1519.05 and 1519.07, and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02, no person shall discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks in this Municipality.

(c) No person shall use in a theater or public hall, what is technically known as fireworks showers, or a mixture containing potassium chlorate and sulphur.

(d) No person shall sell fireworks of any kind to a person under eighteen years of age. No person under eighteen years of age shall enter a fireworks sales showroom unless that person is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult. No person under eighteen years of age shall touch or possess fireworks on a licensed premises without the consent of the licensee. A licensee may eject any person from a licensed premises that is in any way disruptive to the safe operation of the premises.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.44, no person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks.

(f) No person shall negligently discharge, ignite, or explode fireworks while in possession or control of, or under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer, or controlled substance.

(g) No person shall negligently discharge, ignite, or explode fireworks on the property of another person without that person's permission to use fireworks on that property.  
(ORC 3743.65; Ord. 2022-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

#### **1519.05 APPLICATION.**

This chapter does not prohibit or apply to the following:

- (a) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use in emergency situations, of pyrotechnic signaling devices and distress signals for marine, aviation or highway use;
  - (b) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of fusees, torpedoes or other signals necessary for the safe operation of railroads;
  - (c) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of blank cartridges in connection with theaters or shows, or in connection with athletics as signals or for ceremonial purposes;
  - (d) The manufacture for, the transportation, storage, possession or use by, or the sale to the armed forces of the United States and the militia of this state, as recognized by the Adjutant General of Ohio, of pyrotechnic devices;
  - (e) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive material are used, provided that they are constructed so that a hand cannot come into contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion, or apply to the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of those caps;
  - (f) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of novelties and trick noisemakers, auto burglar alarms or model rockets and model rocket motors designed, sold and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models;
  - (g) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of wire sparklers.
  - (h) The conduct of radio-controlled special effect exhibitions that use an explosive black powder charge of not more than one-quarter pound per charge, and that are not connected in any manner to propellant charges, provided that the exhibition complies with all of following:
    - (1) No explosive aerial display is conducted in the exhibition;
    - (2) The exhibition is separated from spectators by not less than two hundred feet;
    - (3) The person conducting the exhibition complies with regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States Department of Transportation with respect to the storage and transport of the explosive black powder used in the exhibition.
- (ORC 3743.80; Ord. 2022-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

**1519.06 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS SHOWROOM STRUCTURES.**

- (a)
  - (1) Except as described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, all retail sales of 1.4G fireworks by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only occur from an approved retail sales showroom on a licensed premises or from a representative sample showroom as described in this section on a licensed premises. For the purposes of this section, a retail sale includes the transfer of the possession of the 1.4G fireworks from the licensed manufacturer or wholesaler to the purchaser of the fireworks.
  - (2) Sales of 1.4G fireworks to a licensed exhibitor for a properly permitted exhibition shall occur in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. Chapter 119. Such rules shall specify, at a minimum, that the licensed exhibitor holds a license under Ohio R.C. 3743.51, that the exhibitor possesses a valid exhibition permit issued in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54, and that the fireworks shipped are to be used at the specifically permitted exhibition.
- (b) All wholesale sales of fireworks by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only occur from a licensed premises to persons who intend to resell the fireworks purchased at wholesale. A wholesale sale by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may occur as follows:
  - (1) The direct sale and shipment of fireworks to a person outside of this state;
  - (2) From an approved retail sales showroom as described in this section;
  - (3) From a representative sample showroom as described in this section;
  - (4) By delivery of wholesale fireworks to a purchaser at a licensed premises outside of a structure or building on that premises. All other portions of the wholesale sales transaction may occur at any location on a licensed premises.
  - (5) Any other method as described in rules adopted by the Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. Chapter 119.
- (c)
  - (1) A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only sell 1.4G fireworks from a representative sample showroom or a retail sales showroom. Each licensed premises shall only contain one sales structure.
  - (2) A representative sample showroom shall consist of a structure constructed and maintained in accordance with the Nonresidential Building Code adopted under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3781 and the Fire Code adopted under Ohio R.C. 3737.82 for a use and occupancy group that permits mercantile sales. A representative sample showroom shall not contain any pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic materials, fireworks, explosives, explosive materials, or any similar hazardous materials or substances. A representative sample showroom shall be used only for the public viewing of fireworks product representations, including paper materials, packaging materials, catalogs, photographs, or other similar product depictions. The delivery of product to a purchaser of fireworks at a licensed premises that has a representative sample structure shall not occur inside any structure on a licensed premises. Such product delivery shall occur on the licensed premises in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 119.

- (3) If a manufacturer or wholesaler elects to conduct sales from a retail sales showroom, the showroom structures, to which the public may have any access and in which employees are required to work, on all licensed premises, shall comply with the following safety requirements:
- A. A fireworks showroom that is constructed or upon which expansion is undertaken on and after June 30, 1997, shall be equipped with interlinked fire detection, fire suppression, smoke exhaust, and smoke evacuation systems that are approved by the Superintendent of Industrial Compliance in the Department of Commerce.
  - B.
    - 1. A fireworks showroom that first begins to operate on or after June 30, 1997, or that resumes operations at any time after a period of inactive status or licensure greater than one year, and to which the public has access for retail purposes shall not exceed 7,500 square feet in floor area.
    - 2. A fireworks showroom that, through construction of a new showroom, expansion of an existing showroom, or similar means, first exceeds 5,000 square feet, to which the public has access for retail purposes, after February 7, 2022, shall be equipped with a sprinkler system that meets the criteria for sprinkler systems in extra hazard (group 2) occupancies under "NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems (2019 Edition)".
    - 3. Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, the State Fire Marshal may provide a variance to the requirements of subsection (c)(3)B.2. of this section pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.59 for a sprinkler system that matches or exceeds the degree of safety provided by a sprinkler system that meets the criteria for sprinkler systems in extra hazard (group 2) occupancies under "NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems (2019 Edition)".
  - C. A newly constructed or an existing fireworks showroom structure that exists on September 23, 2008, but that, on or after September 23, 2008, is altered or added to in a manner requiring the submission of plans, drawings, specifications, or data pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3791.04, shall comply with a graphic floor plan layout that is approved by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance showing width of aisles, parallel arrangement of aisles to exits, number of exits per wall, maximum occupancy load, evacuation plan for occupants, height of storage or display of merchandise, and other information as may be required by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance.
  - D. A fireworks showroom structure that exists on June 30, 1997, shall be in compliance on or after June 30, 1997, with floor plans showing occupancy load limits and internal circulation and egress patterns that are approved by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance, and that are submitted under seal as required by Ohio R.C. 3791.04.

(d) The safety requirements established in subsection (c) of this section are not subject to any variance, waiver, or exclusion pursuant to this chapter or any applicable building code. (ORC 3743.25; Ord. 22-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

**1519.07 PURCHASE, USE, AND LOCAL REGULATION OF CONSUMER-GRADE FIREWORKS.**

(a) Any person who intends to obtain possession in this Municipality of 1.4G fireworks shall obtain possession of the 1.4G fireworks only from a licensed retailer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed wholesaler and shall be subject to this subsection.

(b) Any person authorized under this section to possess 1.4G fireworks in this Municipality may discharge, ignite, or explode those fireworks on private property, with authorization from the property owner, on the following days each year:

- (1) The first day of January;
- (2) Chinese new year's day;
- (3) The fifth day of May;
- (4) The last Monday in May, and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding that day;
- (5) The nineteenth day of June;
- (6) The third, fourth, and fifth days of July;
- (7) The first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before and after the fourth day of July;
- (8) The first Monday of September, and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding that day;
- (9) Diwali;
- (10) The thirty-first day of December.

(c) Fireworks discharged, ignited, or exploded pursuant to this section shall not be considered a public exhibition.

(d) Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.45(D)(1), the Municipality is authorized to restrict the dates and times a person may discharge, ignite, or explode fireworks purchased pursuant to this section.

(e) This section does not limit the enforcement of any ordinance, resolution, or statute that regulates noise, disturbance of the peace, or disorderly conduct, including but not limited to Chapter 509 of the Codified Ordinances. (ORC 3743.45; Ord. 2022-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

**1519.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree for a first offense and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months or both. (ORC 3743.99(C); Ord. 2022-31. Passed 6-14-22.)

