

Chapter 143

FIREWORKS

§ 143-1. Definition.

§ 143-2. Restrictions on sale.

§ 143-3. Restrictions on use.

§ 143-4. Storage and handling.

§ 143-5. Parental Liability.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Genoa City as Title 7, Ch. 10 of the 1984 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.] [Amended 03-14-2019]

§ 143-1. Definition¹.

- A.** In this chapter, the term "fireworks" shall be defined as provided in § 167.10(1)(a-p), Wis. Stat. or as hereafter may be amended.
- B.** A permanent structure is defined as a building designed, planned and constructed so as to remain in one location

§ 143-2. Restrictions on sale.

- A.** All sales of fireworks must be from a permanent structure
- B.** No person may sell or possess with intent to sell fireworks, except:
 - (1.)** To a person holding a permit under § 143-3C;
 - (2.)** To a city, village or town; or
 - (3.)** For a purpose specified under § 143-3B(2) to (6).

§ 143-3. Restrictions on use.

- A. 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 § 167.10(1)(e) to (g) and (i) to (n), Wis. Stats., while attending a fireworks display for which a permit has been issued to a person listed under Subsection C(1) to (5) or under Subsection C(6) if the display is open to the general public.
- B. Permit exceptions. Subsection A above does not apply to:**
 - (1)** The Village, except that Village fire and law enforcement officials shall be notified of the proposed use of fireworks at least two days in advance.

- (2) The possession or use of explosives in accordance with rules or general orders of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.
- (3) The disposal of hazardous substances in accordance with rules adopted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

1. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch.1, General Provisions, Art. II).

- (4) The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in any manufacturing process.
- (5) The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in connection with classes conducted by educational institutions.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Except as provided in par. (bm), the possession of fireworks in the village while transporting the fireworks to a city, town, or village where the possession of the fireworks is authorized by permit or ordinance.
- (8) The possession of fireworks by a person who is not a resident of the state if the person does not use the fireworks in this state.
- (bm) Paragraph (A) applies to a person transporting fireworks under par. (B) 7. If, in the course of transporting the fireworks through a city, town, or village, the person remains in that city, town, or village for a period of at least 72 hours.

C. Who permit may be issued to. A permit under this section may be issued only to the following:

- (1) A public authority.
- (2) A fair association.
- (3) An amusement park.
- (4) A park board.
- (5) A civic organization.
- (6) A group of resident or nonresident individuals.
- (7) An agricultural producer for the protection of crops from predatory birds or animals.

D. Crop protection signs. A person issued a permit for crop protection shall erect appropriate warning signs disclosing the use of fireworks for crop protection.

- E. Bond.** The Village President or person designated by the president issuing a permit under this section may 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, if required, 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, if required, together with a copy of the permit shall be filed in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.
- F. Required information for permit.** A permit under this section shall specify all of the following:
- (1) The name and address of the permit holder.
 - (2) The date on and after which fireworks may be purchased.
 - (3) The kind and quantity of fireworks which may be purchased.
 - (4) The date and location of permitted use.
 - (5) Other special conditions prescribed by ordinance.
- G. Copy of permit.** A copy of a permit under this sub-section shall be given to the Fire Chief and Chief of Police at least two days before the date of authorized use.
- H. Minors prohibited.** A permit under this section may not be issued to a minor.

§ 143-4. Storage and handling.

- A. Fire extinguishers required.** No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store or handle fireworks in premises unless the premises is equipped with fire extinguishers approved by the Fire Chief.
- B. Smoking prohibited.** No person may smoke where fireworks are stored or handled.
- C. Fire Chief to be notified.** A person who stores or handles fireworks shall notify the Fire Chief of the location of the fireworks.
- D. Storage distance.** No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store fireworks within 50 feet of a dwelling.
- E. Restrictions on storage.** No person may store fireworks within 50 feet of a public assemblage or place where gasoline or volatile liquid is sold in quantities exceeding one gallon.

§ 143-5. Parental liability.

A parent, foster parent, legal guardian, or other out-of-home care provider, as defined in s. 48.02 (12r), 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.