

TOWN OF RICHMOND
ST. CROIX COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE # 19-2

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Release of Sky Lanterns Within or Into the Town of Richmond

The Town Board of the Town of Richmond does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. SECTION CREATED

The following ordinance is hereby created for inclusion into the Town of Richmond Code of Ordinances.:

Article I.

Statement of Purpose and Intent. The Town Board of the Town of Richmond recognizes the dangers to the public health, safety and welfare presented by the use of sky lanterns within the Town of Richmond. Seeking to protect the public health, safety and welfare, the Town Board of the Town of Richmond adopts the following ordinance prohibiting the use or release of sky lanterns within the Town.

Sec. 1 Use or release of sky lanterns within or into the Town of Richmond prohibited

(a) Use or Release of Sky Lanterns.

- (1) "Sky lantern" as used in this ordinance shall include any sky candle, fire balloons and airborne lantern typically constructed from paper with a wood, metal or cardboard frame containing a candle or fuel cell composed of a waxy flammable material or other open flame which serves as a heat source to heat the air inside the lantern to cause it to rise into the air. "Sky lantern" as used herein shall not include manned open-air balloons.
- (2) No person shall light, launch or allow to become airborne any sky lantern in the Town; nor shall any person allow a sky lantern to float into or land in the Town

(b) Liability.

Any person lighting, launching, or allowing to become airborne within or into the Town shall be liable for any fire suppression costs and any other costs, injury, or damages caused by a fire ignited by a sky lantern.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or any application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such a finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or applications.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 11th day of July, 2019.

TOWN OF RICHMOND

Gary Knutson
Gary Knutson, Town Chairman

Donna Preece
Donna Preece, Town Clerk

Motion to approve this Ordinance was made by Dave Stephens and seconded by Jim Pearson. The resulting vote was as follows:

Voted for: 5

Voted against: 0

Abstained: 0

Effective date: 7-27-19