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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE AND DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ISANTI COUNTY

The Isanti County Board of Commissioners ordains as follows:

1. Incorporation of Statutory Requirements

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 624 relating to the sale, possession, use, and display of fireworks are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this ordinance as if set forth in full except as hereafter superseded by a more restrictive regulation in this ordinance.

2. Definition of Fireworks

For purposes of this ordinance, fireworks will have the same definition as contained in Minnesota Statute 624.20 or any superseding statute.

3. Duration and Time of Outdoor Displays

An outdoor fireworks display permitted under Minnesota Statutes 624.22 shall not exceed sixty (60) consecutive minutes in duration as measured from the discharge of the first firework.

No fireworks may be discharged in the unincorporated areas of Isanti County before 6:00pm or after 11:00pm. An outdoor fireworks display permitted under Minnesota Statutes 624.22 must conclude before 11:00pm on the date specified in the permit regardless of the start time of the display.

4. Limitations on Number of Permits per Year

Isanti County shall not issue more than one outdoor fireworks display permit under Minnesota Statute 624.22 to any organization or entity in a calendar year without the approval of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners.

Isanti County shall not issue more than one outdoor fireworks display permit under Minnesota Statute 624.22 for any parcel of property or address in a calendar year without the approval of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners.

5. Types of Fireworks Allowed in Outdoor Displays

An outdoor fireworks display in the unincorporated areas of Isanti County shall consist exclusively of aerial fireworks or aerial shells.

Aerial fireworks are defined as fireworks designed to be launched into the air for display purposes. Aerial shells are defined as a cartridge containing pyrotechnic composition, a burst charge, and an internal time fuse or module propelled into the air from a mortar.

The discharge of fireworks designed to explode on the ground or underground shall be prohibited as part of an outdoor fireworks display in the unincorporated areas of Isanti County.


6. Severability

If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

7. Violation of Ordinance

The Isanti County Sheriff is authorized to immediately revoke any outdoor fireworks display permit issued under Minnesota Statute 624.22 upon any violation of any part of this ordinance. Once an outdoor fireworks display permit issued under Minnesota Statute 624.22 has been revoked, the permit is no longer valid and the Isanti County Sheriff may take any action allowed under Minnesota Statute 624.24 or other statute regarding fireworks held without a valid permit.

Adopted by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of September, 2019.



Kevin VanHooser
Isanti County Administrator