

OFFICIAL  
OHIO TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO. 238

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OHIO REGULATING THE DISPLAY AND USE OF FIREWORKS.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ohio as follows:

SECTION ONE-GENERAL:

1. Scope: The manufacture of fireworks is prohibited within the Township. The display or discharge of fireworks shall comply with the requirements of this Ordinance.
2. Permit Required: A permit shall be obtained from the fire official for the display or discharge of fireworks.
3. Permit Applications: Applications for permits shall be made in writing at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the date of the display or discharge of the fireworks. The sale, possession, use and distribution of fireworks for such display shall be lawful under the terms and conditions approved with the permit and for that purpose only. A permit granted hereunder shall not be transferable, nor shall any such permit be extended beyond the dates set out therein. The fee for said permit shall be \$100.00.
4. Definition: "Fireworks" shall mean and include any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose or producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes or toy guns in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, sparklers or other devices of like construction and any device containing any explosive substance, except that the term "fireworks" shall not include auto flares, paper caps containing not in excess of an average of .25 grain (16.2 mg) of explosive content per cap, and toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices for use of such caps, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.

SECTION TWO-DISPLAY AND DISCHARGE:

1. General: It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to store, offer for sale, expose for sale,

sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks, except as provided in the rules and regulations issued by the fire official for the granting of permits for supervised public displays of fireworks by the Township, fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations.

Every such display shall be handled by a competent operator approved by the fire official. The fireworks shall be arranged, located, discharged or fired in a manner that, in the opinion of the fire official, will not be a hazard to property or endanger any person.

2. Insurance for Display: The permittee shall furnish insurance in an amount deemed adequate by the fire official but not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), conditioned for the payment of all damages which may be caused either to a person or persons or to property by reason of the permitted display, with the Township listed as an additional insured, and arising from any acts of the permittee, the permittee's agents, employees or subcontractors.
3. Disposal of Unfired Fireworks: Unfired fireworks and trash that remain after the display is concluded shall be immediately disposed of in a safe manner approved by the fire official.
4. Seizure of Fireworks: The fire official shall seize, take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner, all stocks of fireworks offered or exposed for display, stored, or held in violation of Ordinance.

**SECTION THREE-PENALTIES:**

1. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Every day that a violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 13th day of November,  
2000.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF OHIO

  
Township Secretary

By:   
Chairman, Board of  
Supervisors

## Firework Display Permit Application

*Fireworks are illegal to possess or use in the Township of Ohio unless a permit has been issued for a professional display.*

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Purpose for Event/Display: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Display: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Display: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company handling pyrotechnic devices: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

State License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Also include:

- Certificate of Insurance from the professional Company being used
- Site Plan of the grounds where the display is to be held, with indications of where they will be launched and ignited

Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Township Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_