Chapter 8.40 FIREWORKS

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8.40.010 Fireworks.

It is the judgment of the Ida Grove city council that the use and timing of "first-class consumer fireworks" in the city of Ida Grove can constitute a threat to the public safety and to private property and a nuisance to the neighboring landowners. [Ord. 558 § 1, 2018; Code 1975 § 3-1.0401.]

8.40.020 First-class consumer fireworks.

Use or exploding of any "first-class consumer fireworks" as described in American Pyrotechnics Association Standard 87-1, Chapter 3, within the corporate limits of the city of Ida Grove, Iowa, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, is prohibited. [Ord. 558 § 1, 2018; Code 1975 § 3-1.0402.]

8.40.030 Permitted hours.

Fireworks are allowed only during the following times:

(1) From the Saturday before July 4th until the Sunday after July 4th.

(2) Between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. with the exception of July 4th or any Saturday within the permitted days, the hours are expanded to be between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

(3) Noon on December 31st until 1:00 a.m. on January 1st.

(4) The mayor, in consultation with the fire chief or any other persons, has the authority to suspend the use of fireworks during the above hours, when the mayor determines it is in the public interest to suspend the use of fireworks. A person shall not be convicted of a violation, for use during such suspension, unless it is proven that such person had actual knowledge of the suspension. Actual knowledge may be proven by testimony that the person was given a verbal warning. [Ord. 558 § 1, 2018; Code 1975 § 3-1.0403.]

8.40.040 Permitted places of use.

(1) Fireworks may only be detonated on private property where the owner has given permission for their use. Fireworks may not be detonated on public property, including, but not limited to, parks, streets and alleys.

(2) It is unlawful to shoot fireworks at public or private property where either: a) the fireworks are still aflame when landing; or b) the fireworks will cause any damage to property upon or after landing. [Ord. 558 § 1, 2018; Code 1975 § 3-1.0404.]

8.40.050 Penalty.

A violation of this section is a simple misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.00. The city also may enforce a violation of this section by any other lawful means including injunctive relief. [Ord. 558 § 1, 2018; Code 1975 § 3-1.0405.]

8.40.060 Permit.

The city may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for the display of first-class consumer fireworks by a city agency, fair association, amusement park or other organizations or groups of individuals approved by city authorities when the fireworks display will be handled by a competent operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsor organization has:

(1) Filed with the city evidence of insurance, an adequate safety plan that will protect persons and property, and any other requirements; and

(2) Received prior approval by a resolution or ordinance of the city council. [Ord. 558 § 1, 2018; Code 1975 § 3-1.0406.]

The Ida Grove City Code is current through Ordinance 607, passed May 2, 2022.

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