

4.72.060 - Fireworks discharging general requirements.

It is the intention that citizens be allowed to enjoy the use of novelty and consumer fireworks. It is in the best interest of public safety that these restrictions are included to prevent or limit injuries and/or fire(s) caused by fireworks and their use in and around individuals, large gatherings or events, structures and the environment.

- (a) No person under the age of eighteen shall discharge a DOT 1.4 class fireworks without direct supervision by a parent or legal guardian.
- (b) A person shall only discharge a fireworks device on real property they own or on property where consent has been expressly given. Fireworks shall not be discharged on city-owned or public property without authorization of the Keokuk City Council.
- (c) Fireworks shall not be discharged by persons showing visible signs of, or who are determined to be intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.
- (d) Any person discharging a fireworks device assumes all responsibility for its operation and the consequences thereof. No person shall discharge a fireworks device in a reckless manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage.
- (e) No person shall discharge a fireworks device outside the following dates and hours:
 - (1) June 28 thru July 4, between the hours of nine a.m. until ten p.m., except on July 4, on which date the hours are extended from nine a.m. until eleven p.m.
 - (2) December 31 thru January 1, between the hours of 9 a.m. on December 31st and ending at 12:30 a.m. on January 1st.
- (f) It shall be unlawful to alter, remove, or discharge components of a fireworks device from its intended method of discharging.
- (g) Sky lantern open flame devices are not permitted to be released within the city limits, except if tethered by a retrievable rope so long as the person discharging has control over the sky lantern.
- (h) Exceptions. Notwithstanding the date and time limitations of paragraph (e) of this section, any fireworks displays approved as part of a special event permit issued by the Keokuk City Council shall be permitted, subject to such

inspections, insurance, display/use types, and hours of use as approved by the city council. In addition to the foregoing, the city council may grant a written permit for the display of consumer fireworks, as defined by this chapter, to any person for displays on their own private property provided said property is adequate for said display, that any and all pyrotechnics are of consumer grade, and the person provides insurance coverage in an amount considered adequate to the council. All permits authorized by this section shall be subject to such inspections, insurance, display/use types, hours of use, or other restrictions approved by the city council.

- (i) No person shall discharge or allow the use of fireworks to occur within fifty feet of an occupied structure in the city limits.
- (j) No person shall discharge or allow the use of fireworks, including novelty, consumer or display types, within the proximity of others, or in areas where large public gatherings are present.
- (k) No person shall discharge or allow the use, explosion or other discharge of fireworks in any commercial or industrial rated building zone within the city limits, without permission of the fire chief.
- (l) Proximity for definition of this section shall mean within ten feet of another individual, building/structure, or vehicle, unless a further distance is specifically given.

(Ord. No. 1969, § 2, 6-1-17; Ord. No. 1976, § 2, 11-2-17; Ord. No. 1985, § 1, 9-20-18; Ord. No. 1986, § 1, 10-4-18)