

**GERRISH TOWNSHIP
FIREWORKS ORDINANCE NO. XXXIII**

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a safe environment for the discharge of fireworks and to insure protection for the viewing public and the property owners surrounding the discharge site.

Section 2: Application and Site Plan

- A. Any party wishing to stage a fireworks display shall, at least 30 days prior to the display, submit an application on a form furnished by the Township and shall secure permission from the Township Board prior to the fireworks display.
- B. A site plan of the area where the fireworks display is to be conducted shall be submitted with the application. The site plan shall set forth all structures in the area and the discharge site fallout area. The site plan shall furthermore set forth the distance separating the mortars used to launch the fireworks and the structures and also set forth the distance separating the mortars and the spectators viewing the display. All site plans must be approved by the Gerrish Township Fire Department Chief prior to Township Board approval.

Section 3: Requirements and Restrictions

- A. The fireworks company conducting the display shall follow National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 1123 for Fireworks Display and/or the Gerrish Township requirements, whichever is more restrictive.
- B. The fireworks company shall maintain personal injury liability insurance/property damage liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 as a minimum during each event. Additional insurance may be required based upon conditions and/or location of display. The Township and its employees and/or officers shall be named as an additional insured on the insurance policy. The insurance policy must be submitted with the aforementioned application and shall be subject to the Risk Management Company's review. The insurance policy shall also include coverage for the cleanup after the fireworks display has ended.
- C. The fireworks company shall be responsible for all shells being fired. In the event one of the shells does not explode, the fireworks company shall secure the area until the unexploded shell is found and properly disposed of.
- D. The consumption of alcohol prior to and during display by the shooters or any person on site employed by the fireworks company is strictly prohibited.

E. If fire suppression is required, the costs of such shall be the responsibility of the fireworks company and applicant.

Section 4: Enforcement and Penalties

A. This Ordinance shall be enforced by such persons who shall be so designated by the Township Board.

B. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred and no/100 dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not exceeding 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

Effective upon publication

Norma Lee Boyle
Gerrish Township Clerk