

ORDINANCE NO. 181

An ordinance: to regulate the use of certain fireworks within Williams Township; to provide for penalties; and, to repeal conflicting ordinances and parts of ordinances.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Williams Township Fireworks Ordinance".

SECTION 2. Definitions. As used in this ordinance:

- (a) **Consumer Fireworks** means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under *16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507*, and that are listed in *APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5*. Consumer fireworks do not include low-impact fireworks.
- (b) **Display Fireworks** means large fireworks devices that are explosive material intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visual or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in *27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1*.
- (c) **Firework or Fireworks** means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or flare, designated for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.
- (d) **Low-Impact Fireworks** means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under *APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5*.
- (e) **Novelties** means that term as defined under *APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5* and all of the following:
 - 1. Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.

2. Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps are described in subparagraph 1 are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart, or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.
3. Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.
4. Toy snakes not containing mercury, if packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sales and if the manufacturer's name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box; and toy smoke devices.

SECTION 3. Prohibition on Use of All Fireworks Except as Allowed:

Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge, or use any fireworks within Williams Township except as specifically allowed by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Prohibition on Use of Display Fireworks: Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge or use display fireworks within Williams Township at any time without a permit issued by the Williams Township Board.

1. Application for a permit shall be on a written form provided by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The permit application shall be accompanied by a fee set by resolution of the Williams Township Board. The Williams Township Board may grant a permit for display fireworks if applicable provisions of the *Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, 2011 P.A. 256* are complied with. After a permit has been granted, sales, possession, or transportation of fireworks for the purposes described in the permit only may be made. A permit granted under this subsection is nontransferable and shall not be issued to a minor.
2. Before a permit authorized by this section is granted, the applicant shall furnish proof of financial responsibility in the form of a bond, or insurance deemed sufficient by the township to satisfy damage claims against the applicant, and to protect the public.
3. A permit shall not be issued to a non-resident of Michigan applicant until the applicant has appointed in writing a member of the state bar, or a resident agent upon whom all process in an action against the applicant may be served.

4. The Williams Township Board, shall rule on the competency and qualifications of display fireworks operators as required under *NFPA 1123* and safety aspects of the display based upon the information provided in the application form before any permit is granted.

SECTION 5. Prohibition on Use of Consumer Fireworks: Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks within Williams Township, except this prohibition shall not preclude any person from the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday consistent with *Sec. 7 (2) of 2011 P.A. 256*. Consumer fireworks ignited, discharged, or used on the dates allowed by this section shall strictly conform to the definition of consumer fireworks in this ordinance and state statute by only creating visual, but not audible, effects by their combustion and if not conforming shall be prohibited at all times.

SECTION 6. Use of Low-Impact or Novelty Fireworks. Low-impact fireworks shall be ignited, discharged, or used so as to not cause injury or damage to any person or property but shall not be ignited, discharged, or used inside any building or structure at any time without a license or permit issued by the Williams Township Board. Novelty fireworks may be ignited, discharged, or used without restriction, but only in a manner so as to not cause injury or damage to any person or property.

SECTION 7. Penalty. A violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be a civil infraction, punishable by the following schedule of fines:

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| (a) | First violation | \$200.00 |
| (b) | Second or subsequent violation | \$500.00 |

In addition to the above civil fines, a trial court may impose any or all of the penalties authorized in *Williams Township Ordinance No. 158*.

SECTION 8. Enforcement. Any police officer with arrest powers in Williams Township may enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealer. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed and shall be of no further force and effect on the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. This ordinance shall become effective immediately after the last required publication following adoption.

The above ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 25th day of September, 2012, and shall be published in the *Bay City Democrat and Legal News* on or before the 2nd day of October, 2012.

YEAS: Wasek, Hoverman, Charney, Gower, Paige, Plant, and Putt.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Amy Charney
Amy Charney, Township Clerk
Township of Williams
Bay County, Michigan

CERTIFICATION

I, AMY CHARNEY, as Clerk for the Charter Township of Williams, Bay County, Michigan, hereby certify the following, relative to the foregoing ordinance:

1. That the same was introduced and received by the Charter Township of Williams Board on the 11th day of September, 2012.

2. That the same was published in the *Bay City Democrat and Legal News* on the 18th day of September, 2012.

3. That the same was adopted by the Charter Township of Williams Board on the 25th day of September, 2012.

4. That the same was published in the *Bay City Democrat and Legal News* on the 2nd day of October, 2012.

Amy Charney
Amy Charney, Township Clerk
Township of Williams
Bay County, Michigan

AUTHENTICATION OF RECORD

We, Paul Wasek, Supervisor, and Amy Charney, Clerk for the Charter Township of Williams, Bay County, Michigan, hereby authenticate the following relative to the foregoing ordinance:

1. That the same was passed by the Charter Township of Williams Board on the 25th day of September, 2012.

2. That the following members of the Township Board voted yes, in favor of said ordinance: Wasek, Hoverman, Charney, Gower, Paige, Plant, and
Putt.

3. That the following members of the Township Board voted no, against said ordinance: None.

4. That the following members of the Township Board were absent:
None.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS

By: Paul Wasek
Paul Wasek, Supervisor

By: Amy Charney
Amy Charney, Clerk