

ORDINANCE 09-07

AN ORDINANCE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 48 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body of the City of Westfield, Indiana, in Hamilton County, in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code IC 22-11-14 allows municipalities to limit the sale and time of use, of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to accommodate firework sales and use within the City of Westfield; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Westfield, Indiana so desires to establish and enforce regulations for Fireworks Sales and Use in a manner that preserves public welfare within the City of Westfield,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the following Fireworks Sales and Use ordinance is enacted as a part of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Westfield:

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Chapter 48 – Firework Sales and Use

Sec. 48.1 Definitions

Class 1 Building(s) – as defined in IC 22-12-1-4

Firework(s) – any composition or device that consists of a small paper wrapped or cardboard tube containing not more than fifty (50) milligrams of pyrotechnic composition and that produces, upon ignition, noise accompanied by a flash of light.

Firework Sales – a retail operation engaged in selling fireworks.

Fireworks Sales License – a permit to sell fireworks.

Operator – a person or company engaged in the business of fireworks sales.

Portable Storage Units – temporary container for the keeping of goods.

Store – the sales or storage location of product where a point of sale exists.

Table – an article of furniture consisting of a flat, slab-like top supported on one or more attached legs.

Temporary Structures – any non-permanent building or tent.

Sec. 48.2 Sales Registration

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to engage in the business of Firework Sales within the City of Westfield without first applying for and legally obtaining a Firework Sales License.

Sec. 48.3 Sales Registration Requirements

- (a) Firework Sales Licenses shall only be issued for locations within recognized business districts (as established by the Westfield-Washington Township Zoning Ordinance), within the corporate limits of the City of Westfield.
- (b) Sales shall be conducted within Class 1 buildings protected by an active automatic sprinkler system, smoke detection, and fire alarm.
 - (1) Sales are prohibited in temporary structures or tents.
- (c) A ten (10) pound A-B-C-D fire extinguisher shall be placed every seventy-five (75) feet around the interior perimeter of the store.

- (1) All employees shall be trained on how to use the extinguishers located on-site.
- (d) No cloth, plastic or other similar product shall be used as curtains or temporary walls to separate product from storage.
- (e) Fireworks for the purpose of sales display must be placed on tables only.
 - (1) The use of saw horses and plywood as a table is prohibited.
 - (2) Tables shall be in good repair and able to support stock without wobble or collapse.
- (f) The use of extension cords for any reason within the store is prohibited.
- (g) Aisle widths must be a minimum of forty-eight (48) inches.
- (h) All fireworks shall be stored inside the store.
 - (1) The use of temporary or portable storage units is prohibited.
- (i) No smoking shall be permitted within the store or within twenty (20) feet of an entrance.
 - (1) No-smoking signs shall be posted inside the store and on the exterior at each entrance to the store.
- (j) Use and sale of lighters, matches or other flame producing devices is prohibited at all sales and storage locations.
- (k) Use, discharge or demonstration of any fireworks at the sale location or on the property of the store is prohibited.
- (l) Sales to those under the age of eighteen (18) are prohibited
 - (1) Signage communicating subsection (l) shall be posted at point of sale.
- (m) All sales people shall be sixteen (16) years of age or older.
- (n) Approved license from Community Development shall be posted at point of sale.
- (o) Store must meet all State and Local Fire and Building Codes.

Sec. 48.4 Firework Sales License Application

- (a) A license applicant shall submit an application form to the Community Development Department.

- (1) An approved application shall be acquired prior to engaging in any sales activities.
- (b) A license applicant shall provide the following information at the time of application:
 - (1) Applicant's Name
 - (2) Name of Local Operator
 - (3) Applicant's Corporate Address
 - (4) Applicant's Local Address for Sales
 - (5) Resume of Operator's Experience
 - (6) Proof age for each employee
 - (7) Proof of employee Fire Extinguisher Training
 - (8) Proof of insurance covering the sale of fireworks
 - (9) List of three (3) Emergency Contacts
 - (i.) List shall include for each contact: names, phone numbers, e-mail address, and mailing address
 - (10) Copy of approved State required permit or copy of application
 - (11) A license fee of \$1000 shall accompany each application for each site.
- (c) In 2009, licenses may be applied for after May 1st.

Sec. 48.5 Fireworks Sales Violations, Penalties, and Exemptions

- (a) No operator who has violated this Chapter may operate within the City for one (1) year from the time of violation.
- (b) The Director of the Westfield Community Development Department, the Westfield Fire Chief, or their respective designees may suspend the license upon an administrative determination that:
 - (1) The applicant and / or operator fails to comply with any Ordinance of the City of Westfield, or
 - (2) The license holder is in violation of any license condition.
- (c) Failure to abate violations listed in subsection (b) within five (5) days of notice shall result in a one (1) year suspension of license.
- (d) Retailers selling under the wholesalers' state license are exempt from City licensure.

Sec. 48.6 Fireworks Use

- (a) Use of fireworks is limited to:

- (1) Between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two (2) hours after sunset on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 9;
- (2) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on July 4; and
- (3) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1.

(b) All other Fireworks Use must be in accordance with state laws.

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ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2009, BY THE WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

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Hamilton County, Indiana

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ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Gossard

This ordinance prepared by:
Jennifer Miller, Planner I
Director Community Development
City of Westfield

I hereby certify that ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-07 was delivered to the Mayor of Westfield on the _____ day of _____, 2009, at _____ m.

Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby APPROVE ORDINANCE 09-07 I hereby VETO ORDINANCE 09-07
this _____ day of _____, 2009. this _____ day of _____, 2009.

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor

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