

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06-01**

AN ORDINANCE amending portions of Chapters 5.28 and 32.04 of the Clark County Code to address purchase and ignition times, safety and litter related to fireworks.

WHEREAS, the purchase and ignition of fireworks is permitted within the boundaries of Clark County under limited conditions; and

WHEREAS, the conditions that limit purchase and ignition vary depending on the specific location of purchase and/or ignition; and

WHEREAS, the County has received complaints and comments in public meetings regarding the varying conditions, safety and litter related to the purchase and ignition of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the Council is considering the matter at a duly-advertised public hearing and concludes that adoption will further the public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED, RESOLVED AND DECREED BY THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Amendatory.** Clark County Code 5.28.010, as most recently amended by Sec. 1 of Ord. 1999-12-01, is hereby amended as follows:

**5.28.010 Permit required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation within unincorporated areas of the county of Clark to manufacture, import, possess or sell at wholesale or retail for any use, to discharge fireworks at any place, to make a public display of fireworks, to use a tent from which to sell fireworks at retail or to transport fireworks except as a public carrier delivering to a licensee without first having obtained ~~((a))~~ the required permits pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; provided, that no permit is required for the sale and use of agricultural and wildlife fireworks exempted from licensing by the State Fire Marshal by the provisions of Chapter 70.77 RCW; and provided further, that no permit is required for the private possession, transportation or discharge of common fireworks as defined in WAC 212-17-035 during authorized use periods.

**Section 2. Amendatory.** Clark County Code 5.28.015, as most recently amended by Sec. 1 of Ord. 2006-04-07, is hereby amended as follows:

**5.28.015 Application requirements.**

(1) Applications for permits required by this chapter shall be submitted in such form and detail as reasonably prescribed by the fire marshal. Such applications shall include at a minimum the applicable permit fees ~~((and debris deposit(s)))~~; state license(s), a drawing of the stand and other key features on the site, insurance certificate(s), storage sites and arrangements; and the names, addresses and phone numbers of the applicant(s) and responsible party(ies).

(2) No later than 5:00 p.m. on the last official county workday of May in the calendar year for which the applicant is seeking a permit, the applicant shall file a fully complete application for the retail sale of fireworks; provided, all persons who held a permit the previous year who seek reissuance of permits shall file with the fire marshal a written "confirmation of intent to apply" by the last business day of January of the year for which a permit is sought to maintain their priority status. Those permit holders who do not follow this procedure will forfeit their priority status and the permit will automatically be set aside to be awarded through a lottery process; provided, that available permits will first be allocated to satisfy the requirements of Section 5.28.060(1). All persons interested in applying for available permits shall file with the fire marshal a fireworks lottery application by the last business day of January of the year for which a permit is sought.

(3) Fully complete applications for a public display or other discharge of common or special fireworks must be received by the fire marshal no later than 5:00 p.m. fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the intended display.

**Section 3. New.** A new section is added to Chapter 5.28 of the Clark County Code as follows:

**5.28.035 Possession, sale, or use of certain fireworks unlawful**

Whether permitted by state law or not, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, store, offer for sale, expose for sale, use, possess, fire or discharge firecrackers, salutes, chasers, skyrockets and missile-type rockets and mortar-type fireworks, or those fireworks not specifically listed, that fly, explode, or travel more than one (1) foot into the air or more than six (6) feet on the ground in the county, except as allowed by this chapter. All lawful consumer fireworks must bear the California State Fire Marshal "Safe and Sane" seal as follows:



or an equivalent "Safe and Sane" marking approved by the Fire Marshal.

**Section 4. Amending.** Clark County Code 5.28.040, as most recently amended by Sec. 1 of Ord. 2014-09-04, is hereby amended as follows:

**5.28.040 Dates when sale permitted. [Option I]**

No common fireworks shall be sold or offered for sale at retail except from 12:00 noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June to 11:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July of any year. Further, the sale of common fireworks is expressly prohibited at any time surrounding the New Year, including December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**5.28.040 Dates when sale permitted. [Option II]**

No common fireworks shall be sold or offered for sale at retail except from 9:00 a.m. on July 1<sup>st</sup> to 11:00 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. ~~((12:00 noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June to 11:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July of any year.))~~ Further, the sale of common fireworks is expressly prohibited at any time surrounding the New Year, including December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**5.28.040 Dates when sale permitted. [Option III]**

No common fireworks shall be sold or offered for sale at retail, ~~except from 9:00 a.m. ((12:00 noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June))~~ to 11:00 p.m. on each day from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July through the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July of any year. However, when July 4<sup>th</sup> occurs sometime between Wednesday through Friday, the sales period will be extended to allow sales to begin the preceding Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to allow for one full weekend of sales, EXCEPT when July 4<sup>th</sup> occurs on a Saturday, in which case sales will begin on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Further, the sale of common fireworks is expressly prohibited at any time surrounding the New Year including December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 5. Amendatory.** Clark County Code 5.28.050, as most recently amended by Sec. 2 of Ord. 2014-09-04, is hereby amended as follows:

**5.28.050 Dates when use permitted. [Option I]**

No person shall use or explode any fireworks within the unincorporated areas of the county of Clark except from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. ~~((as shown in Tables 5.28.050(1) and 5.28.050(2); provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to duly authorized public displays where the same are authorized pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington. The north/south boundary is the east/west extension of the line made up by a NE/NW 219<sup>th</sup> Street across the county.~~

**Table 5.28.050(1) Allowed Dates and Times for Use of Fireworks (South of 219<sup>th</sup> Street)**

Date/Time	2015	2016 and Beyond
June 28, Noon to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Not Allowed
June 29, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Not Allowed
June 30, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Not Allowed
July 1, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Not Allowed
July 2, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Not Allowed
July 3, 9:00 a.m. to	Allowed	Net

Date/Time	2015	2016 and Beyond
11:00 p.m.		Allowed
July 4, 9:00 a.m. to Midnight	Allowed	Allowed
December 31, 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.	Not Allowed	Allowed

**Table 5.28.050(2) Allowed Dates and Times for Use of Fireworks (North of 219th Street)**

Date/Time	2015	2016 and Beyond
June 28, Noon to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
June 29, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
June 30, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 1, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 2, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 3, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 4, 9:00 a.m. to Midnight	Allowed	Allowed
December 31, 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.	Not Allowed	Allowed

**5.28.050 Dates when use permitted. [Option II]**

No person shall use or explode any fireworks within the unincorporated areas of the county of Clark except from 9:00 a.m. to midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup> and on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. ((as shown in Tables 5.28.050(1) and 5.28.050(2))); provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to duly authorized public displays where the same are authorized pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington. ((The north/south boundary is the east-west extension of the line made up by a NE/NW 219<sup>th</sup> Street across the county.))

**Table 5.28.050(1) Allowed Dates and Times for Use of Fireworks (South of 219th Street)**

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July 2, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Not Allowed
July 3, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Not Allowed
July 4, 9:00 a.m. to Midnight	Allowed	Allowed
December 31, 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.	Not Allowed	Allowed

**Table 5.28.050(2) Allowed Dates and Times for Use of Fireworks (North of 219th Street)**

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June 30, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 1, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 2, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 3, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Allowed	Allowed
July 4, 9:00 a.m. to Midnight	Allowed	Allowed
December 31, 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.	Not Allowed	Allowed

**Section 6. New.** A new section is added to Chapter 5.28 of the Clark County Code as follows:

**5.28.055 Prohibition due to extreme fire danger.**

The Clark County Council Chair, after consulting with the Fire Marshal, may prohibit the discharge and sale of all fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "extreme fire danger" shall mean a period of hot, dry weather, accompanied by low fuel moistures. It is during this period that wildland fires can be expected, and fire growth would be accelerated.

For consideration of imposing a ban, the following thresholds must have been reached in Clark County as reported by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources:

1. The Burning Index is Extreme as determined for the entire county; and
2. The Fuel Moisture Content of the 10 hour fuels is below 8 anywhere in the county; and
3. The Energy Release Component is in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile

**Section 7. Amendatory.** Clark County Code 5.28.100, as most recently amended by Sec. 3 of Ord. 2014-09-04, is hereby amended as follows:

**5.28.100 Temporary stands. [Option I]**

~~Temporary stands, structures or facilities used for the retail sale or temporary storage of common fireworks shall be in accordance with the applicable portions of Chapter 70.77 RCW and Chapter 212-17 WAC. In addition to the above requirements, each retail fireworks stand shall provide signage indicating the dates and times fireworks may be legally discharged in Clark County. Such signage must be placed where it is easily readable by the public where the sales transactions occur. The sign shall contain the following information: Fireworks may be discharged in Clark County only during the following dates and times – ((June 28th from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.; June 29th through)) July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to midnight and on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. ((For the sales year 2016 and after, the signs shall contain the following information:~~

~~**NORTH OF 219TH STREET**~~

~~• June 28th, from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.; June 29th through July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to midnight.~~

~~• December 31st, from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Day.~~

~~**SOUTH OF 219TH STREET**~~

~~• July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.~~

~~• December 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Day.))~~

~~Letters for the sign must be at least one (1) inch tall on a contrasting background.~~

**5.28.100 Temporary stands. [Option II]**

Temporary stands, structures or facilities used for the retail sale or temporary storage of common fireworks shall be in accordance with the applicable portions of Chapter 70.77 RCW and Chapter 212-17 WAC. In addition to the above requirements, each retail fireworks stand shall provide signage indicating the dates and times fireworks may be legally discharged in Clark County. Such signage must be placed where it is easily readable by the public where the sales transactions occur. The sign shall contain the following information: Fireworks may be discharged in Clark County only during the following dates and times – ~~((June 28th from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.; June 29th through July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; ))~~ July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to midnight and on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. ~~((For the sales year 2016 and after, the signs shall contain the following information:~~

**~~NORTH OF 219TH STREET~~**

- ~~• June 28th, from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.; June 29th through July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to midnight.~~
- ~~• December 31st, from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on New Year’s Day.~~

**~~SOUTH OF 219TH STREET~~**

- ~~• July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.~~
- ~~• December 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on New Year’s Day.))~~

Letters for the sign must be at least one (1) inch tall on a contrasting background.

**Section 7. Amendatory.** Clark County Code 32.04.050, as most recently amended by Sec. 4 of Ord. 2017-08-08, is hereby amended as follows:

**32.04.050 Civil penalty.**

In addition to or as an alternative to any other judicial or administrative remedy provided herein or by law, any person who violates any land use or public health ordinance, or rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or by each act of commission or omission procures, aids or abets such violation, shall be subject to a civil penalty as provided in Table 32.04.050; however, civil infractions of Chapter 17.10 RCW shall be subject to civil penalty as provided in WAC 16-750-020 and shown in Table 32.04.050-1. Each day may constitute a new violation. All civil penalties assessed will be enforced and collected in accordance with the lien, personal obligation, and other procedures specified in this title or as authorized by law.

**TABLE 32.04.050**

The penalties assessed against the violations are grouped for first and subsequent violations within any five (5) year period as follows:		
<b>Violation</b>	<b>First Violation</b>	<b>Subsequent Violation</b>

Building without permit	\$250	\$500
Occupancy without approval	250	500
Dangerous structure	250	500
Grading without permit	100	250
No erosion control	500	1,000
Wetland protection	500	1,000
Surface mining	500	1,000
Water quality controls	250	500
Site plan	250	500
Auto wrecking	250	500
Setback	100	250
Sign	100	250
Occupancy of travel trailer	100	250
Nuisance	100	250
Home business/occupation	250	500
Shoreline	500	1,000
Habitat	250	500
Violation of stop work order	500	1,000
<u>Fireworks</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1000</u>
All other violations	250	500

**TABLE 32.04.050-1**

Any owner knowing of the existence of any noxious weeds on the owner's land who fails to control the noxious weeds will be assessed the following monetary penalties. The penalties are assessed per parcel, per noxious weed species, per day after expiration of the notice to control filed pursuant to RCW 17.10.170:		
Any Class A noxious weed:		
	1st offense within five (5) years	750
	2nd and any subsequent offense	1,000
Any Class B designated noxious weed in the noxious weed control region in which the land lies:		
	1st offense within five (5) years	500
	2nd offense	750
	3rd and any subsequent offense	1,000
Any Class B nondesignated noxious weed in the noxious weed control region in which the land		



**Section 9. Roll Call Vote.** The following persons voted in favor of adopting the above ordinance, noting that *sections* and/or *options* that are circled and struck through with an "X" are excluded from the vote.

Jeanne Stewart; Julie Olson; Marc Boldt;  
John Blom; Eileen Quiring;

The following persons voted in opposition to the adoption of the above ordinance, noting that *sections* and/or *options* that are circled and struck through with an "X" are excluded from the vote:

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ADOPTED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Attest:

[Signature]  
Clerk to the Council

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

[Signature]  
Marc Boldt, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:

ANTHONY GOLIK

Prosecuting Attorney

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

By:

[Signature]  
Bill Richardson

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Julie Olson, Councilor

John Blom, Councilor

Eileen Quiring, Councilor

