

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**FIREWORKS ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. 124**

**PREAMBLE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, TO ADD ARTICLE VII, CONSUMER FIREWORKS, SECTIONS 6-101 THROUGH 6-107 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELHI; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELHI, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.**

This ordinance shall be known as the “Delhi Charter Township Consumer Fireworks Ordinance.”

**SECTION 2.**

Article VII, Consumer Fireworks, Sections 6-101 through 6-107, is added to Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Delhi to read as follows:

**Sec. 6-101. Definitions.**

The *Act* means the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, MCL 28.451, *et seq.*, and any amendments to the Act, which may from time to time be adopted.

*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 identified under the Act, and that are listed as provided under the Act. Consumer fireworks do not include low-impact fireworks or novelties.

*Firework or fireworks* means any combustion or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun or a flare, designed 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. Articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects are governed by Article VI, Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Programs, of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Delhi.

*Low-impact fireworks* means ground and handheld sparkling devices as provided under the Act.

*National holidays* as used in this Article VII shall mean:

- New Year's Day, January 1.
- Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the third Monday in January.
- Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February.
- Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.
- Independence Day, July 4.
- Labor Day, the first Monday in September.
- Columbus Day, the second Monday in October.
- Veterans Day, November 11.
- Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November.
- Christmas Day, December 25.

*Novelties* means that term as defined under the Act and all of the following:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph (i) 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.
- (iii) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.
- (iv) Toy snakes not containing mercury, if packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sale and if the manufacturer's name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box; and toy smoke devices.

*Person* means an individual, agent, association, charitable organization, company, limited liability company, corporation, labor organization, legal representative, partnership, unincorporated organization, or any other legal or commercial entity.

Except as otherwise provided, other terms in this Article shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act.

**Sec. 6-102. Ignition, Discharge and Use of Consumer Fireworks.**

No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks within the Township, except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday.

**Sec. 6-103. Firework Safety.**

No person shall recklessly endanger the life, health, safety, or well-being of any person by the ignition, discharge, or use of fireworks or novelties.

**Sec. 6-104. Prohibited Conduct.**

A person who violates any of the following is subject to the penalties provided under the Act:

(i) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.

(ii) A person shall not sell consumer fireworks to an individual who is under the age of 18.

(iii) An individual shall not use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor and/or a controlled substance, as those terms are defined in the Act.

**Sec. 6-105. Seizure and Cost Recovery.**

Any fireworks or novelties used, discharged, ignited or possessed in violation of the Act or this Article shall be subject to seizure. A person found guilty of violating the Act or this Article shall be responsible to reimburse the Township for the costs of storing seized fireworks as provided under the Act.

**Sec. 6-106. Applicability of General Ordinances.**

Nothing in this Article or in the Act shall be construed or interpreted to limit the authority of the Township to enforce ordinances or laws of general applicability at any time or on any day, if the conduct is incidental to the sale, distribution, display, storage, transportation, ignition, discharge or use of fireworks and novelties.

**Sec. 6-107. Violations, Fines and Penalties.**

Any person who violates Sec. 6-102 or Sec. 6-103 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by up to ninety (90) days in jail and/or a fine up to \$500.00.

**SECTION 3. PENALTIES.**

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in effect when they are commenced. This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any prosecution

pending or initiated before the effective date of this Ordinance, or initiated after the effective date of this Ordinance for an offense committed before that effective date.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or part of this Ordinance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by any agency, department, or commission empowered by statute for such purpose, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the application of those provisions to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication and recording as required by law.

Ayes: Hayhoe, Hope, Ketchum, Sweet, Warfield, Davis  
Nay: Harmon  
Absent: None

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C. J. Davis, Supervisor

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Evan Hope, Clerk

I, Evan Hope, Clerk of the Charter Township of Delhi, do hereby certify that the above is a true action taken by the Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees as follows:

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First Publication:	April 21, 2013
Second Reading:	May 7, 2013
Second Publication:	May 12, 2013
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Evan Hope, Clerk