



Garrett Fire Department

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Fireworks Safety

There is a Garrett City Ordinance governing the use of fireworks and an Indiana state law that governs the sale of fireworks.

The Indiana state law, which was signed in March 2006, helps fund public safety programs in Indiana, such as training for firefighters. The collection of a 5-percent safety fee on the sale of all fireworks began June 1, 2006. A portion of the funds are used for the State Disaster Relief Fund, which helps cover the costs of the State's response to emergencies or disasters. The law also includes requirements regarding where the public can set off fireworks, as well as requirements for structures where fireworks are sold.

The public needs to be aware of restrictions that are in place regarding the use of fireworks, as well as the possible penalties for violators.

Some of the provisions in the Garrett City Fireworks Ordinance include:

- No person within the corporate boundaries of the city shall use, ignite or discharge or permit to be used, ignited or discharged any type of consumer fireworks on any day or time other than the following:
- (A) June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8 and July 9 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two hours after sunset;
- (B) July 4 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight;
- (C) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1;
- (D) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on January 1;
- (E) In the event the Heritage Days Celebration is on any day not specified above, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00
- Penalties for violating the fireworks law can range from a Class A misdemeanor up to a Class C felony in the case of the reckless or intentional use of fireworks that results in a person's death.

The state law also includes requirements for fireworks retailers:

- Locations where fireworks are sold must be registered with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Division of Fire and Building Safety. (IDHS). The locations must also comply with safety requirements specified in the law for various types of structures.
- Each fireworks retail sales location will be inspected by the IDHS.