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1505.01 DEFINITIONS.

(a) Wherever the word "Municipality" or "City" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it means the City of Sylvania, Ohio,

(b) Wherever the term "Corporation Counsel" is used in such Code, it means the Director of Law for the City.

(c) Wherever the term "Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention", "Chief of the Fire Department", "Fire Chief " and "Fire Marshal" are used in such Code, it means the Fire Chief of the City, who shall be the Fire Prevention Officer of such City and the Fire Chief of the Sylvania Township Fire Department may be appointed by the Mayor as the Fire Chief of the City upon concurrence of a majority of the members of Council.

(d) The "Fire Prevention Code" of the City means Part Fifteen of the Codified Ordinances, including any and all provisions of each code, standard and revision thereof referred to and adopted therein.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

#### 1505.02 MODEL CODES ADOPTED.

There are hereby adopted by Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, as a part of the Fire Prevention Code for the City of Sylvania, Ohio, the 1981 edition of the National Fire Codes published by the National Fire Protection Association, including any appendices thereto, sometimes hereinafter referred to as NFC-NFPA, the 1976 edition of the Fire Prevention Code recommended by the American Insurance Association including any and all revisions and appendices thereto to the date hereof, sometimes hereinafter referred to as FPC-AIA, and the 1979 edition of the Ohio Fire Code, except such portions of such Codes as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, a copy of each such Code being now on file in the office of the Clerk-Auditor, and the same are hereby incorporated herein by reference as fully as if set forth at length herein, and from the date on which this section shall take effect the provisions of such Codes shall be controlling within the limits of the City and should there be any conflict between the provisions of such Codes so adopted, the more restrictive provision shall be so controlling.  
(Ord. 77-81. Passed 9-21-81.)

#### 1505.03 ENFORCEMENT.

- (a) The Fire Prevention Code shall be enforced by the Fire Chief.
- (b) The vehicle regulation sections of the Code shall be enforced by the Police Division. (Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

#### 1505.04 STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS.

- (a) The limits referred to in Section 16.22a of the FPC-AIA in which storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, are hereby established as all areas of the City, unless a variance is granted by the Fire Chief and approved by the Mayor.
- (b) The limits referred to in Section 16.61 of the FPC-AIA, in which new bulk plants for flammable liquids are prohibited, are hereby established as all areas of the City, unless a variance is granted by the Fire Chief and approved by the Mayor.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505.05 BULK STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES.**

The limits referred to in Section 21.6a of the FPC-AIA are hereby established as all areas of the City and the bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas within the City is prohibited, anything to the contrary in this Code notwithstanding, unless on prior written application for such installation to the Fire Chief, the Fire Chief grants permission for such installation and the Mayor approves the same.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505.06 STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVE AND BLASTING AGENTS PROHIBITED.**

The limits referred to in Section 12.5b of the FPC-AIA in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited shall include the entire City.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505.07 DESIGNATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ROUTES FOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS.**

The routes referred to in Section 12.7o of the FPC-AIA for vehicles transporting explosives and blasting agents are hereby designated as follows: U.S. 23.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505.08 DESIGNATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ROUTES FOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTING HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS OR OTHER DANGEROUS ARTICLES.**

The routes referred to in Section 20.14 of the FPC-AIA for vehicles transporting hazardous chemicals and other dangerous articles are hereby designated as follows: U.S. 23.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505.09 ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE LANES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY DEVOTED TO PUBLIC USE.**

The fire lanes referred to in Section 28.16 of the FPC-AIA Code are hereby established as follows:

- (a) Areas on public (other than streets) or private property devoted to public use designated by the Fire Chief and indicated by the posting of signs, "Fire Lane No Parking" and/or by pavement markings bearing the same legend.
- (b) The owner and/or occupant of such premises shall be responsible for the posting of the appropriate signs and/or pavement markings.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505.10 BLUEPRINTS REQUIRED.**

Blueprints for all new construction and all remodeling of commercial, industrial, apartments and public buildings shall be submitted to the Fire Chief for approval.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505.11 MODIFICATIONS OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE.**

The Fire Chief shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code with approval of the Mayor upon application in writing by the owner or lessee or his duly authorized agent when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the

strict letter of the Code, provided that the spirit of the Code shall be observed, public safety secured and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modification when granted or allowed and the decision of the Fire Chief thereof shall be entered upon the records of the Fire Department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.  
(Ord. 66 -77. Pas sed 8-15-77.)

#### 1505.12 APPEALS.

Whenever the Fire Chief shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the Code do not apply or that the intent and meaning of the Code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Fire Chief to Council within thirty days from the date of the decision appealed.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

#### 1505.13 NEW MATERIALS WHICH MAY REQUIRE PERMITS.

The Mayor, Fire Chief and the City Engineer shall act as a committee to determine and specify after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies which shall require permits, in addition to those now enumerated in the Code. The Fire Chief shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his office and distribute copies thereof to interested persons.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

#### 1505.14 ROOFING MATERIALS.

No roof of a building shall be constructed or reconstructed in the City unless all materials thereof meet at least an Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. Class C rating for combustibility as such rating exists on the effective date hereof, such rating being hereby adopted as the standard to be met.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

#### 1505.15 CARPET REGULATIONS.

(a) All carpeting, except as hereinafter provided, shall have a 0-75 flame spread and a 0-200 smoke density and fuel contributing factor as determined by ASTM E-84 Test.

(b) All carpeting in the occupancies of hospitals and nursing homes, shall have a 0-75 flame spread and a 0-150 smoke density and fuel contributing factor as determined by ASTM E-84 Test.

(c) All carpeting installed as provided in subsections (a) and (b) hereof shall be required to be certified by a nationally recognized laboratory to meet these requirements. Carpeting installed on walls shall meet the requirement for "Interior Finish", as required by the Ohio Building Code.

The Ohio Building Code (OBC) imposes further restrictions which may be more restrictive than those above. Consult the specific occupancy chapter of the OBC for the part of the building being considered, e. g., exitway, kitchen, heater room, meeting rooms, etc.  
(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)

**1505. 16 FIRE DAMAGED STRUCTURES; REMOVAL OR REPAIR  
SECURING FUND.**

The City hereby authorizes the procedure described in Ohio R.C. 3929.86 (C) and (D) to be implemented whereby no insurance company doing business in the State shall pay a claim of a named insured for fire damage to a structure located within the City unless the applicable provisions of Ohio R.C. 3929.86 are fully complied with. The Fire Chief is hereby designated as the officer authorized to carry out the duties of Ohio R.C. 3929.86. The Fire Chief shall file a certified copy of this section with the State Superintendent of Insurance.

**1505.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code hereby adopted or fails to comply therewith, or who violates or fails to comply with any order made thereunder, or builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by Council or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and compliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

(Ord. 66-77. Passed 8-15-77.)



CHAPTER 1511  
Open Burning

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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Air pollution control - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 3704  
 Permit to burn construction debris - see Ohio R.C. 3704.11(C)  
 Spreading fire through negligence - see Ohio R.C. 3737.62  
 Open burning - see OAC Ch. 3745

1511.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in Chapter 3745-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code and this chapter:

- (a) "Agricultural waste" means any waste material generated by crop, horticultural, or livestock production practices, and includes such items as woody debris and plant matter from stream flooding, bags, cartons, structural materials, and landscape wastes that are generated in agricultural activities, but does not include land clearing waste; buildings; garbage; dead animals; animal waste; motor vehicles and parts thereof; nor economic poisons and containers thereof, unless the manufacturer has identified open burning as a safe disposal procedure.
- (b) "Economic poisons" include but are not restricted to pesticides such as insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, miticides, nematocides and fumigants; herbicides; seed disinfectants; and defoliants.
- (c) "Garbage" means any waste material resulting from the handling, processing, preparation, cooking and consumption of food or food products.
- (d) "Landscape waste" means any plant waste material, except garbage, including trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, yard trimmings and crop residues.

- (e) "Land clearing waste" means plant waste material which is removed from land, including plant waste material removed from stream banks during projects involving more than one property owner, for the purpose of rendering the land useful for residential, commercial, or industrial development. Land clearing waste also includes the plant waste material generated during the clearing of land for new agricultural development.
- (f) "Ohio EPA" means the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director or agencies delegated authority by such Director pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3704.03 or the Chief of any Ohio Environmental Protection Agency district office.
- (g) "Open burning" means the burning of any materials wherein air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney. Open burning includes the burning of any refuse or salvageable material in any device not subject to or designed specifically to comply with the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code 3745-17-09 or 3745-17-10.
- (h) "Residential waste" means any waste material, including landscape waste, generated on a one-, two- or three-family residence as a result of residential activities, but not including garbage.
- (i) "Restricted area" means the area within the boundary of any municipal corporation established in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the Ohio Revised Code, plus a zone extending 1,000 feet beyond the boundaries of any such municipal corporation having a population of 1,000 to 10,000 persons and a zone extending one mile beyond any such municipal corporation having a population of 10,000 persons or more according to the latest federal census.
- (j) "Unrestricted area" means all areas outside the boundaries of a restricted area as defined in subsection (i) hereof.  
(OAC 3745-19-01)
- (k) "Bonfire" means an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.
- (l) "Recreational fire" means an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.  
(OAC 1301:7-7-03)

#### 1511.02 RELATIONS TO OTHER PROHIBITIONS.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-19, no open burning shall be conducted in an area where an air alert, warning or emergency under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-25 is in effect.

(b) No provisions of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-19, permitting open burning, and no permission to open burn granted by the Ohio EPA, shall exempt any person from compliance with any section of the Ohio Revised Code, or any regulation of any State department, or any local ordinance or regulation dealing with open burning.  
(OAC 3745-19-02)

#### 1511.03 OPEN BURNING IN RESTRICTED AREAS.

(a) No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning in a restricted area except as provided in subsections (b) to (d) hereof; in Ohio R.C. 3704.11 and in compliance with Section 1511.05 of this chapter.

(b) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes without notification to or permission from the Ohio EPA:

- (1) Heating tar, welding, acetylene torches, highway safety flares, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers, smudge pots and similar occupational needs.
- (2) Bonfires, campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes, if the following conditions are met:
  - A. They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas, or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood;
  - B. They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and
  - C. They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.
- (3) Disposal of hazardous explosive materials, military munitions or explosive devices that require immediate action to prevent endangerment of human health, public safety, property or the environment and that are excluded from the requirement to obtain a hazardous waste permit pursuant to paragraph (D)(1)(d) of Rule 3745-50-45 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- (4) Recognized training in the use of fire extinguishers for commercial or industrial fire prevention.

Fires allowed by subsections (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(4) hereof shall not be used for waste disposal purposes and shall be of minimum size sufficient for their intended purpose; the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.

(c) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes with prior notification to the Ohio EPA in accordance with subsection (b) of Section 1511.04:

- (1) Prevention or control of disease or pests, with written or verbal verification to the Ohio EPA from the local health department, cooperative extension service, Ohio Department of Agriculture, or U.S. Department of Agriculture, that open burning is the only appropriate disposal method.
- (2) Bonfires or campfires used for ceremonial purposes that do not meet the requirements of subsection (b)(2) hereof, provided the following conditions are met:
  - A. They have a total fuel area no greater than five feet in diameter by five feet in height and burn no longer than three hours;
  - B. They are not to be used for waste disposal purposes; and
  - C. They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood.
- (3) Disposal of agricultural waste generated on the premises if the following conditions are observed:
  - A. The fire is set only when atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants;
  - B. The fire does not create a visibility hazard on the roadways, railroad tracks, or air fields;

- C. The fire is located at a point on the premises no less than one thousand feet from any inhabited building not located on said premises;
  - D. The wastes are stacked and dried to provide the best practicable condition for efficient burning; and
  - E. No materials are burned which contain rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum products.
- (d) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes upon receipt of written permission from the Ohio EPA, in accordance with subsection (a) of Section 1511.04, provided that any conditions specified in the permission are followed:
- (1) Disposal of ignitable or explosive materials where the Ohio EPA determines that there is no practical alternate method of disposal, excluding those materials identified in subsection (b)(3) hereof;
  - (2) Instruction in methods of fire fighting or for research in the control of fires as recognized by the State Fire Marshal Division of the Ohio Department of Commerce and the guidelines set forth in the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) publication 1403: "Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4, Acquired Structures", provided that the application required in subsection (a)(1) of Section 1511.04 is submitted by the commercial or public entity responsible for the instruction;
  - (3) In emergency or other extraordinary circumstances for any purpose determined to be necessary by the Director and performed as identified in the appendix to Rule 3745-19-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code. If deemed necessary, the open burning may be authorized with prior oral approval by the Director followed by the issuance of a written permission to open burn within seven working days of the oral approval;
  - (4) Recognized horticultural, silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices; and
  - (5) Fires and/or pyrotechnic effects, for purposes other than waste disposal, set as part of commercial film-making or video production activities for motion pictures and television. (OAC 3745-19-03)

#### 1511.04 PERMISSION FROM AND NOTIFICATION TO THE OHIO EPA.

(a) Permission.

- (1) An application for permission to open burn shall be submitted in writing at least ten working days before the fire is to be set. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays shall not be considered a working day. It shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the Ohio EPA.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (a)(6) and (a)(7) hereof, such applications shall contain, as a minimum, information regarding:
  - A. The purpose of the proposed burning;
  - B. The nature of quantities of material to be burned;
  - C. The date or dates when such burning will take place;
  - D. The location of the burning site, including a map showing distances to residences, populated areas, roadways, air fields, and other pertinent landmarks; and
  - E. The methods or actions which will be taken to reduce the emissions of air contaminants.

- (3) Permission to open burn shall not be granted unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Ohio EPA that open burning is necessary to the public interest; will be conducted in a time, place and manner as to minimize the emission of air contaminants; and will have no serious detrimental effect upon adjacent properties or the occupants thereof. The Ohio EPA may impose such conditions as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of Chapter 3745-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
  - (4) Except as provided in subsection (a)(6) hereof, permission to open burn must be obtained for each specific project. In emergencies where public health or environmental quality will be seriously threatened by delay while written permission is sought, the fire may be set with oral permission of the Ohio EPA.
  - (5) Violations of any of the conditions set forth by the Ohio EPA in granting permission to open burn shall be grounds for revocation of such permission and refusal to grant future permission, as well as for the imposition of other sanctions provided by law.
  - (6) The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal, may request permission to open burn on an annual basis for the purpose of training firefighters on pre-flashover conditions using the Ohio fire academy's mobile training laboratory at either the academy or at other training sites in Ohio. The annual application required pursuant to subsection (a)(1) hereof shall contain information as required in paragraph (a)(2) of this rule, except the information required in subsections (a)(2)C. and (A)(2)D. hereof need not be provided unless it is available at the time of submittal of the application. The academy shall contact the appropriate Ohio EPA district office or local air agency at least five working days before each training session of the date or dates when the training session will take place and its location. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays shall not be considered a working day.
  - (7) For open burning defined under subsection (d)(2) of Section 1511.03, permission to open burn shall not be granted unless the applicant provides proof of written notice of intent to demolish receive by the appropriate Ohio EPA field office in accordance with Rule 3745-20-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- (b) Notification.
- (1) Notification shall be submitted in writing at least ten working days before the fire is to be set. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays shall not be considered a working day. It shall be in such form and contain such information as shall be required by the Ohio EPA.
  - (2) Such notification shall inform the Ohio EPA regarding:
    - A. The purpose of the proposed burning;
    - B. The nature and quantities of materials to be burned;
    - C. The date or dates when such burning will take place; and
    - D. The location of the burning site.
  - (3) The Ohio EPA, after receiving notification, may determine that the open burning is not allowed under Chapter 3745-19 of the Administrative Code and the Ohio EPA shall notify the applicant to this effect.  
(OAC 3745-19-05)

1511.05 OPEN BURNING, BONFIRES AND RECREATIONAL FIRES.

(a) General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

(b) Prohibited Open Burning. Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

(c) Permit Required. A permit shall be obtained from the Fire Code Official in accordance with Rule 1301:7-7-01 of the Ohio Fire Code prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

(d) Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

(e) Extinguishment Authority. The Fire Code Official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible or the Fire Department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

(f) Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15,240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of any structure.

(g) Exceptions.

(1) Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.

(2) The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

A. Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

B. Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

(h) Attendance. Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with paragraph (F)(906) of Rule 1301:7-7-09 of the Ohio Fire Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.  
(OAC 1301:7-7-03)

1511.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.



CHAPTER 1519  
Fireworks

1519.01	Definitions.	1519.04	Possession, sale or discharge prohibited; exceptions.
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CROSS REFERENCES

- Manufacturers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.06(F)
- Wholesalers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.19(G)
- Arrests, seizure of fireworks by certified fire safety inspector - see Ohio R.C. 3743.68
- Conflict of Fire Marshal's rules with rules of Ohio Board of Building Standards - see Ohio R.C. 3781.11(D)

1519.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Beer" and "intoxicating liquor" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4301.01.
- (b) "Booby trap" means a small tube that has a string protruding from both ends, that has a friction-sensitive composition and that is ignited by pulling the ends of the string.
- (c) "Cigarette load" means a small wooden peg that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that is ignited in a cigarette.
- (d) (1) "1.3 G fireworks" means display fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation as expressed using the designation "Division 1.3" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.
- (2) "1.4 G fireworks" means consumer fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation as expressed using the designation "Division 1.4" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.
- (e) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.

- (f) "Fireworks" means any composition or device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration or detonation, except ordinary matches and except as provided in Section 1519.05.
- (g) "Licensed exhibitor of fireworks" or "licensed exhibitor" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55.
- (h) "Licensed manufacturer of fireworks" or "licensed manufacturer" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08.
- (i) "Licensed wholesaler of fireworks" or "licensed wholesaler" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21.
- (j) "Novelties and trick noisemakers" include the following items:
  - (1) Devices that produce a small report intended to surprise the user, including, but not limited to, booby traps, cigarette loads, party poppers and snappers;
  - (2) Snakes or glow worms;
  - (3) Smoke devices;
  - (4) Trick matches.
- (k) "Party popper" means a small plastic or paper item that contains not more than sixteen milligrams of friction-sensitive explosive composition, that is ignited by pulling string protruding from the item, and from which paper streamers are expelled when the item is ignited.
- (l) "Railroad" means any railway or railroad that carries freight or passengers for hire, but does not include auxiliary tracks, spurs and sidings installed and primarily used in serving a mine, quarry or plant.
- (m) "Smoke device" means a tube or sphere that contains pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.
- (n) "Snake or glow worm" means a device that consists of a pressed pellet of pyrotechnic composition that produces a large, snake-like ash upon burning, which ash expands in length as the pellet burns.
- (o) "Snapper" means a small, paper-wrapped item that contains a minute quantity of explosive composition coated on small bits of sand, and that, when dropped, implodes.
- (p) "Trick match" means a kitchen or book match that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that, upon ignition, produces a small report or a shower of sparks.
- (q) "Wire sparkler" means a sparkler consisting of a wire or stick coated with a non-explosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition and that contains no more than one hundred grams of this mixture. (ORC 3743.01)

#### 1519.02 PUBLIC EXHIBITION PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE; BOND; RECORDS.

(a) A licensed exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition within the Municipality shall apply for approval to conduct the exhibition to the Fire Chief and from the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

The required approval shall be evidenced by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, signing a permit for the exhibition, the form for which shall be prescribed by the State Fire Marshal. Any exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition may obtain a copy of the form from the Fire Marshal or, if it is available, from the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

(b) Before a permit is signed and issued to a licensed exhibitor of fireworks, the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall inspect the premises on which the exhibition will take place and shall determine that, in fact, the applicant for the permit is a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. Each applicant shall show the applicant's license as an exhibitor of fireworks to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer.

The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall give approval to conduct a public fireworks exhibition only if satisfied, based on the inspection, that the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted allow the exhibitor to comply with the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) and that the applicant is, in fact, a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, may inspect the premises immediately prior to the exhibition to determine if the exhibitor has complied with the rules, and may revoke the permit for noncompliance with the rules.

(c) The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the applicant pays a permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus any necessary costs of investigation of the applicant and of inspecting the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted.

Each exhibitor shall provide an indemnity bond in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000), with surety satisfactory to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and to Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, conditioned for the payment of all final judgments that may be rendered against the exhibitor on account of injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition, or proof of insurance coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for liability arising from injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition. The Legislative Authority may require the exhibitor to provide an indemnity bond or proof of insurance coverage in amounts greater than those required by this subsection. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the exhibitor provides the bond or proof of the insurance coverage required by this subsection.

- (d) (1) Each permit for a fireworks exhibition issued by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall contain a distinct number, designate the Municipality, and identify the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer who will be present before, during, and after the exhibition, where appropriate. A copy of each permit issued shall be forwarded by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, issuing it to the Fire Marshal, who shall keep a record of the permits received. A permit is not transferable or assignable.

- (2) The Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall keep a record of issued permits for fireworks exhibitions. In this list, the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall list the name of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's license number, the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted, the date and time of the exhibition and the number of the permit issued to the exhibitor for the exhibition.

(e) The governing authority having jurisdiction in the location where an exhibition is to take place shall require that a certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer be present before, during, and after the exhibition, and shall require the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer to inspect the premises where the exhibition is to take place and determine whether the exhibition is in compliance with this chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 3743. (ORC 3743.54)

#### 1519.03 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY EXHIBITOR.

(a) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall fail to comply with the applicable requirements of the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) or to comply with Divisions (C) and (D) of that section.

(b) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall conduct a fireworks exhibition unless a permit has been secured for the exhibition pursuant to Section 1519.02 or if a permit so secured is revoked by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement official or a designee of such Police Chief or other similar law enforcement official pursuant to that section.

(c) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall acquire fireworks for use at a fireworks exhibition other than in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54 and 3743.55.

(d) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks or other person associated with the conduct of a fireworks exhibition shall have possession or control of, or be under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer or controlled substance while on the premises on which the exhibition is being conducted.

(e) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall permit an employee to assist the licensed exhibitor in conducting fireworks exhibitions unless the employee is registered with the Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. 3743.56. (ORC 3743.64)

#### 1519.04 POSSESSION, SALE OR DISCHARGE PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.

(a) No person shall possess fireworks in this Municipality or shall possess for sale or sell fireworks in this Municipality, except a licensed manufacturer of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08, a licensed wholesaler of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21, a shipping permit holder as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.40, an out-of-state resident as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.44, a resident of this State as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.45, or a licensed exhibitor of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02 and except as provided in Section 1519.05.

(b) Except as provided in Section 1519.05 and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02, no person shall discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks in this Municipality.

(c) No person shall use in a theater or public hall, what is technically known as fireworks showers, or a mixture containing potassium chlorate and sulphur.

(d) No person shall sell fireworks of any kind to a person under eighteen years of age.

(e) No person shall advertise 1.4 G fireworks for sale. A sign located on a seller's premises identifying the seller as a seller of fireworks is not the advertising of fireworks for sale.

(f) No person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks.  
(ORC 3743.65)

#### 1519.05 APPLICATION.

This chapter does not prohibit or apply to the following:

- (a) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use in emergency situations, of pyrotechnic signaling devices and distress signals for marine, aviation or highway use;
- (b) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of fuses, torpedoes or other signals necessary for the safe operation of railroads;
- (c) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of blank cartridges in connection with theaters or shows, or in connection with athletics as signals or for ceremonial purposes;
- (d) The manufacture for, the transportation, storage, possession or use by, or sale to the Armed Forces of the United States and the militia of this State of pyrotechnic devices;
- (e) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive material are used, provided that they are constructed so that a hand cannot come into contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion, or apply to the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of those caps;
- (f) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of novelties and trick noisemakers, auto burglar alarms or model rockets and model rocket motors designed, sold and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models;
- (g) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of wire sparklers.
- (h) The conduct of radio-controlled special effect exhibitions that use an explosive black powder charge of not more than one-quarter pound per charge, and that are not connected in any manner to propellant charges, provided that the exhibition complies with all of following:

- (1) No explosive aerial display is conducted in the exhibition;
- (2) The exhibition is separated from spectators by not less than two hundred feet;
- (3) The person conducting the exhibition complies with regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States Department of Transportation with respect to the storage and transport of the explosive black powder used in the exhibition.  
(ORC 3743.80)

1519.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree for a first offense and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months or both. (ORC 3743.99(C))