

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON
CONSUMER FIREWORKS USE ORDINANCE**

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

Section 1.1. - Purpose

The purpose of this article is to regulate the hours that consumer fireworks may be used in the Town of Bridgton. This Ordinance does not regulate State permitted fireworks shows.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

Section 2.1 - Authority

This Ordinance is adopted and hereafter amended pursuant to and consistent with Title 8 M.R.S.A. §223-A.2.

ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS

Section 3.1 - Consumer Fireworks

As used in this Ordinance, "Consumer Fireworks" means any firework that is authorized by the State of Maine for sale to the general public.

Section 3.2 - Weekend

As used in this Ordinance, the "Weekend" is the period from 5:00 P.M. Friday through 10:00 P.M. Sunday.

ARTICLE IV. TIME OF DAY THAT CONSUMER FIREWORKS MAY BE UTILIZED

Section 4.1

Consumer fireworks may be utilized between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:30 A.M. on the following dates:

- A) The 4th of July
- B) The weekend following the 4th day of July
- C) The 31st of December
- D) When the 4th of July falls on a Monday, Consumer Fireworks may be used the preceding week end.

Section 4.2

With the exception to Section 4.1, consumer fireworks may be used between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. during daylight savings time. After the end of the daylight savings time, consumer fireworks may be used between 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

Section 4.3

A person may use consumer fireworks only on that person's property or on the property of another person who has consented in writing to the use of consumer fireworks on that property. The written permission shall contain the name and contact information for the property owner.

ARTICLE V. PENALTY**Section 5.1**

Violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, \$500 for the third or subsequent offenses.

ARTICLE VI. EXCEPTIONS**Section 6.1**

This Ordinance does not restrict, prevent or prohibit fireworks by a person(s) who has been issued a display permit pursuant to Title 8 M.R.S.A. §227-A

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