

AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF BRIDGTON  
CONSUMER FIREWORKS USE ORDINANCE

PREPARED FOR TOWN REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

*The Town of Bridgton Consumer Fireworks Use Ordinance is proposed to be amended by adding the words shown in underline (underline) and by removing the words shown in strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~), as follows:*

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**ARTICLE I. AUTHORITY; PURPOSE**

**Section 1.1. Authority**

**~~-Purpose~~**

This ordinance shall be known as the “Town of Bridgton Consumer Fireworks Use Ordinance” and is referred to herein as “this Ordinance.” This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Article VIII, Part Second, of the Maine Constitution; 30-A M.R.S. § 3001 *et seq.*; and 8 M.R.S. § 223-A(2).

**Section 1.2. Purpose**

The purpose of this ~~article-Ordinance~~ is to regulate the ~~hours that~~use of 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**

The following definitions apply to this Ordinance, unless the context clearly otherwise requires. Any reference to a state law includes amendments thereto and successor provisions.

**Section 2.1. “Combustible Material”** means a gas, solid, or liquid that can be ignited and burned.

**~~Section 3.12.2. -Consumer Fireworks~~**

~~As used in this Ordinance, “Consumer Fireworks” has the same meaning as in 8 M.R.S. § 221-A(1-A) and 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 ~~IVIII.~~ ~~TIME OF DAY THAT CONSUMER USE OF FIREWORKS MAY BE UTILIZED~~**

**Section ~~43.1.~~ ~~Age Requirement~~**

~~No person under the age of 21 may sell, purchase, or use Consumer Fireworks.~~

**Section ~~3.2.~~ ~~Day and Time of Use~~**

~~A. Holiday Use. Consumer ~~f~~Fireworks may be ~~utilized-used~~ between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:30 A.M. the following day on the ~~following-specific~~ dates listed below:~~

~~A) 1. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July 4<sup>th</sup>~~

~~B) The weekend following the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July~~

~~C) 2. The 31<sup>st</sup> of December 31<sup>st</sup>~~

~~D) 3. The Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays immediately before and after July 4<sup>th</sup>~~

~~B. Weekend Use. Except as provided in Section 3.2(A)(3), Consumer Fireworks may be used between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.~~

~~When the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 ~~43.3.~~ ~~Location~~**

~~A. A person may use ~~e~~Consumer ~~f~~Fireworks only on that person's property or on the property of another person who has consented in writing to the use of ~~e~~Consumer ~~f~~Fireworks on that property. If the user is a tenant, written consent must be obtained from the landlord. The written ~~permission-consent~~ shall contain the name and contact information for the property owner and, as applicable, the landlord.~~

~~B. No person shall use, display, discharge, fire, or cause to be exploded Consumer Fireworks within 50 feet of any Combustible Material or within 50 feet of any buildings or structures, with the exception of parking lots and temporary or permanent docks connected to the shoreland.~~

**ARTICLE ~~IV.~~ ~~ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; PENALTIES~~**

**Section ~~54.1.~~ ~~Administration and Enforcement~~**

~~This Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Bridgton Police Department.~~

## **Section 4.2. Penalties**

In addition to any applicable penalties imposed pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 223-A, a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$750 for the first offense, \$250300 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third or subsequent offenses.

## **ARTICLE VI. EXCEPTIONS MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Section 6.1. Exceptions**

Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 227-B, This Ordinance does not regulate, restrict, prevent, or prohibit fireworks displays, as defined in 8 M.R.S. § 221-A, or the issuance of a fireworks by a person(s) who has been issued a display permit pursuant to Title 8 M.R.S.A. M.R.S. § 227-A.

### **Section 6.2. Filing**

The Town Clerk shall provide to the State Fire Marshal a copy of this Ordinance within 60 days of its adoption or amendment.

### **Section 6.3. Severability**

If any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

Enacted: June 11, 2013.

Amended: June 14, 2022.