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**CHAPTER 1501**  
**Ohio Fire Code**

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 Appeals of orders - see Ohio R.C. 119.12  
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 Fire extinguishing and alarm systems in rest and nursing homes - see Ohio R.C. 3721.071  
 Self-service filling stations - see Ohio R.C. 3741.14  
 Fireworks exhibitions - see Ohio R.C. 3743.50 et seq.

**1501.01 ADOPTION.**

There is hereby adopted by the Municipality, the current edition of the Ohio Fire Code (OFC) as adopted by the Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal, Department of Commerce, effective November 1, 2011, and as published in Division 1301:7 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). (Ord. 0-08-14-15. Passed 8-21-14.)

**1501.02 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Code is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

**1501.03 APPLICATION.**

The Ohio Fire Code as adopted herein applies to the use of all lands and properties within the Municipality and such other lands or properties owned by the Municipality which are situated outside the corporate limits thereof.

**1501.04 ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) No person shall serve as Municipal Fire Safety Inspector unless he has received a certificate issued by the Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction under former Ohio R.C. 3303.07 or 4765.55 evidencing his satisfactory completion of a fire safety inspection training program.  
(ORC 3737.34)

(b) For Municipal criminal proceedings, the complaint, warrant or summons, or the issuance of a citation in minor misdemeanor cases shall be, as is prescribed in the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, by referencing the numerical designation of the applicable Municipal ordinance, including the specific provision of the Ohio Fire Code, or any order issued pursuant thereto, provided such order fixes a reasonable time for abatement of the violation. State enforcement proceedings for violation of Ohio R.C. Chapter 3737 or the Ohio Fire Code shall be as is prescribed in Ohio R.C. 3737.41 to 3737.46.

(c) A copy of such complaint or citation shall be prominently posted at or near each place a violation referred to occurs.

(d) Upon request of the Municipal Fire Safety Inspector, the Municipal Legal Officer shall institute and prosecute any necessary action or proceeding to enforce this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 3737.

**1501.05 COMPLIANCE.**

(a) No person shall knowingly violate any provision of the Ohio Fire Code as adopted herein or any order issued pursuant thereto.  
(ORC 3737.51(A))

(b) No person shall fail to comply with the fire prevention measures or fire protection activities as prescribed in the Ohio Fire Code, or fail to obtain a permit or license for the various uses or activities as required by such Code, or fail to comply with the Municipal application and plan submission and processing requirements including payment of the fees designated therefor.

#### **1501.06 POSTING ARSON LAWS.**

The owner, operator or lessee of any transient residential building shall post the provisions of Ohio R.C. 2909.02 and 2909.03 in a conspicuous place in each room occupied by guests in such building. The owner, operator or lessee of any nontransient residential building, institution, school or place of assembly shall post the provisions of such sections in conspicuous places upon such premises. No person shall fail to comply with this section.  
(ORC 3737.61)

#### **1501.07 SETTING FIRES WHICH SPREAD.**

No person shall set, kindle or cause to be set or kindled any fire, which through his negligence, spreads beyond its immediate confines to any structure, field or wood lot.  
(ORC 3737.62)

#### **1501.08 UNFRIENDLY FIRES IN BUILDING; ALARM DUTIES.**

(a) The owner, operator or lessee, an employee of any owner, operator or lessee, an occupant, and any person in direct control of any building regulated under the Ohio Basic Building Code, upon the discovery of an unfriendly fire, or upon receiving information that there is an unfriendly fire on the premises, shall immediately, and with all reasonable dispatch and diligence, call or otherwise notify the Fire Department concerning the fire, and shall spread an alarm immediately to all occupants of the building.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "unfriendly fire" means a fire of a destructive nature as distinguished from a controlled fire intended for a beneficial purpose.

(c) No person shall fail to comply with this section.  
(ORC 3737.63)

#### **1501.09 DISCLOSURE OF TRUE FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR STATUS.**

No person who is not a certified Fire Safety Inspector shall act as such or hold himself out to be such, unless prior to commencing any inspection function, he discloses the purpose for which he is making such inspection and the fact that he is not employed by any state or local fire service or agency, and that he is not acting in an official capacity for any governmental subdivision or agency.  
(ORC 3737.64)

#### **1501.10 FIRE EQUIPMENT SALE OR USE; CERTIFICATION OF INSTALLERS.**

(a) No person shall sell, offer for sale, or use any fire protection or fire fighting equipment that does not meet the minimum standards established by the Ohio Fire Marshal in the Ohio Fire Code.

(b) Except for public and private mobile fire trucks, no person shall service, test, repair or install for profit any fire protection or fire fighting equipment without a certificate or a provisional certificate issued by the Ohio Fire Marshal. (ORC 3737.65)

**1501.11 COPIES.**

Copies of Codes as adopted in this chapter are on file with the Council Clerk for inspection by the public, and also on file in the County Law Library, and the Clerk has copies available for distribution to the public at cost.

**1501.12 CONFLICT.**

(a) The provisions of the Ohio Fire Code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of state or federal law. Municipal corporations, under Ohio R.C. 3781.01, may make further and additional regulations, not in conflict with Ohio R.C. Chapters 3781 and 3791 or with the rules of the Ohio Board of Building Standards. However, under Ohio R.C. 3781.12, approval by the Board of Building Standards of any fixture, device, material, system, assembly or product of a manufacturing process, or method or manner of construction or installation shall constitute approval for their use anywhere in Ohio.

As provided in Ohio R.C. 3781.11(b), the rules of the Board of Building Standards shall supersede and govern any order, standard, or rule of the Division of Fire Marshal or Industrial Compliance in the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Health and of counties and townships, in all cases where such orders, standards or rules are in conflict with the rules of the Board of Building Standards, except that rules adopted and orders issued by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 3743 prevail in the event of a conflict.

The rules of the Board of Building Standards adopted pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3781.10 and known as the "Ohio Building Code" (OBC) shall govern any rule or standards adopted by the Board pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4104.02 and 4105.011.  
(OAC 4101:1-1(102.2))

(b) In all other cases of conflict between the Ohio Fire Code and any other Municipal ordinance or technical code adopted thereby, the more restrictive provision shall govern.

**1501.99 PENALTY.****(a) Criminal Penalties.**

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Section 3737.99(B), whoever violates Section 1501.05(a) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 3737.99(B))
- (2) Whoever violates Sections 1501.05(b) or 1501.06 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 3737.99(C))
- (3) Whoever violates Sections 1501.07 or 1501.09 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 3737.99(D))
- (4) Whoever violates Sections 1501.08 or 1501.10 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (ORC 3737.99(E))

**(b) Civil Penalties.**

- (1) Any person who has received a citation for a serious violation of the Ohio Fire Code or any order issued pursuant to it, shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each such violation.
- (2) Any person who has received a citation for a violation of the Ohio Fire Code or any order issued pursuant to it, and such violation is specifically determined not to be of a serious nature, may be assessed a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each such violation.

- (3) Any person who fails to correct a violation for which a citation has been issued within a period permitted for its correction, may be assessed a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day during which such failure or violation continues.
- (4) Any person who violates any of the posting requirements, as prescribed by Section 1501.04(c), shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation.
- (5) Due consideration to the appropriateness of the penalty with respect to the gravity of the violation, the good faith of the person being charged, and the history of the previous violations shall be given whenever a penalty is assessed under this chapter.
- (6) For purposes of this section, a serious violation shall be considered to exist if there is a substantial probability that an occurrence causing death or serious physical harm to persons could result from a condition which exists, or from one or more practices, means, methods, operations or processes which have been adopted or are in use, unless the person did not and could not with the exercise of reasonable diligence, know of the presence of the violation.
- (7) Civil penalties imposed by this chapter shall be paid to the Municipal Chief Fiscal Officer for deposit into the General Revenue Fund. Such penalties may be recovered in a civil action in the name of the Municipality brought in the Court of Common Pleas.  
(ORC 3737.51(B) to (H))



**CHAPTER 1511**  
**Open Burning**

<p><b>1511.01</b> Definitions.</p> <p><b>1511.02</b> Relations to other prohibitions.</p> <p><b>1511.03</b> Open burning in restricted areas.</p>	<p><b>1511.04</b> Permission to individuals and notification to the Ohio EPA.</p> <p><b>1511.05</b> Open burning; recreational fires; portable outdoor fireplaces.</p> <p><b>1511.99</b> Penalty.</p>
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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 (including dismantled/fallen barns); 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 the property of a one-, two- or three-family residence as a result of residential activities, but not including garbage, rubber, grease, asphalt, liquid petroleum products, or plastics.
- (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, portable 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.
- (5) Fires set at the direction of federal, state, and local law enforcement officials for the purpose of destruction of cannabis sativa (marijuana) plant vegetation, processed marijuana material and/or other drugs seized by federal, state or local law enforcement officials.

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 oral verification to the Ohio EPA from the Ohio Department of Health or local health department, the centers for disease control and prevention, 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, liquid petroleum products, plastics or building materials.

(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 fire 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, if required, 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 (forestry), 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 TO INDIVIDUALS AND NOTIFICATION TO THE OHIO EPA.**

(a) Permission.

- (1) An application for permission to open burn shall be submitted in writing to Ohio EPA. The applicant shall allow Ohio EPA at least ten working days to review the permit. Applicant may proceed with burn upon receipt of written permission from Ohio EPA. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays shall not be considered working days. The application 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 quantity or acreage and the nature of the materials 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, when atmospheric conditions are appropriate; 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 working days.
  - (7) For open burning defined under subsection (d)(2) of Section 1511.03, and paragraph (C)(2) of Rule 3745-19-04 of the Administrative Code, permission to open burn shall not be granted unless the applicant provides proof of written notice of intent to demolish received 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 working days. 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; RECREATIONAL FIRES; PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES.**

(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 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.

C. Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one- and two-family dwellings.

(h) Attendance. Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces 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 Administrative 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**

<p><b>1519.01</b> Definitions.</p> <p><b>1519.02</b> Public exhibition permit required; fee; bond; records.</p> <p><b>1519.03</b> Unlawful conduct by exhibitor.</p> <p><b>1519.04</b> Possession, sale or discharge prohibited; exceptions.</p> <p><b>1519.05</b> Application.</p>	<p><b>1519.06</b> Safety requirements for fireworks showroom structures.</p> <p><b>1519.07</b> Manufacturing or wholesale sale without a license; prohibitions.</p> <p><b>1519.08</b> Purchasers to comply with law; unauthorized purchases.</p> <p><b>1519.99</b> Penalty.</p>
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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 section 4301.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (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) "1.3G 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) "1.4G 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 section 3719.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- (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 3743.80 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (g) "Fireworks plant" means all buildings and other structures in which the manufacturing of fireworks, or the storage or sale of manufactured fireworks by a manufacturer, takes place.
- (h) "Fountain device" means a specific type of 1.4G firework that meets all of the following criteria:
  - (1) It is nonaerial and nonreport producing.
  - (2) It is recognized and manufactured in accordance with sections 3.1.1 and 3.5 of APA standard 87-1 (2001 edition).
  - (3) It is a ground-based or hand-held sparkler with one or more tubes containing a nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition, with or without additional effects that may include a colored flame, audible crackling effect, audible whistle effect, or smoke.
  - (4) It contains not more than seventy-five grams of the nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture in any individual tube and not more than five hundred grams or less for multiple tubes.
- (i) "Highway" means any public street, road, alley, way, lane, or other public thoroughfare.
- (j) "Licensed exhibitor of fireworks" or "licensed exhibitor" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.50 to 3743.55 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (k) "Licensed fountain device retailer" or "licensed retailer" means a person licensed pursuant to section 3743.26 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (l) "Licensed manufacturer of fireworks" or "licensed manufacturer" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.02 to 3743.08 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (m) "Licensed wholesaler of fireworks" or "licensed wholesaler" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.15 to 3743.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (n) "List of licensed exhibitors" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.51 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (o) "List of licensed manufacturers" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (p) "List of licensed wholesalers" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (q) "Manufacturing of fireworks" means the making of fireworks from raw materials, none of which in and of themselves constitute a fireworks, or the processing of fireworks.
- (r) "Navigable waters" means any body of water susceptible of being used in its ordinary condition as a highway of commerce over which trade and travel is or may be conducted in the customary modes, but does not include a body of water that is not capable of navigation by barges, tugboats, and other large vessels.
- (s) "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.

- (t) "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 a string protruding from the item, and from which paper streamers are expelled when the item is ignited.
- (u) "Processing of fireworks" means the making of fireworks from materials all or part of which in and of themselves constitute a fireworks, but does not include the mere packaging or repackaging of fireworks.
- (v) "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.
- (w) "Retail sale" or "sell at retail" means a sale of fireworks to a purchaser who intends to use the fireworks, and not resell them.
- (x) "Smoke device" means a tube or sphere that contains pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.
- (y) "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.
- (z) "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.
- (aa) "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.
- (bb) "Wire sparkler" means a sparkler consisting of a wire or stick coated with a nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition and that contains no more than one hundred grams of this mixture.
- (cc) "Wholesale sale" or "sell at wholesale" means a sale of fireworks to a purchaser who intends to resell the fireworks so purchased.
- (dd) "Licensed premises" means the real estate upon which a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks conducts business.
- (ee) "Licensed building" means a building on the licensed premises of a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks that is approved for occupancy by the building official having jurisdiction.
- (ff) "Fireworks incident" means any action or omission that occurs at a fireworks exhibition, that results in injury or death, or a substantial risk of injury or death, to any person, and that involves either of the following:
  - (1) The handling or other use, or the results of the handling or other use, of fireworks or associated equipment or other materials;
  - (2) The failure of any person to comply with any applicable requirement imposed by this chapter or any applicable rule adopted under this chapter.
- (gg) "Discharge site" means an area immediately surrounding the mortars used to fire aerial shells.
- (hh) "Fireworks incident site" means a discharge site or other location at a fireworks exhibition where a fireworks incident occurs, a location where an injury or death associated with a fireworks incident occurs, or a location where evidence of a fireworks incident or an injury or death associated with a fireworks incident is found.

- (ii) "Storage location" means a single parcel or contiguous parcels of real estate approved by the state fire marshal pursuant to division (I) of section 3743.04 of the Ohio Revised Code or division (F) of section 3743.17 of the Ohio Revised Code that are separate from a licensed premises containing a retail showroom, and which parcel or parcels a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks may use only for the distribution, possession, and storage of fireworks in accordance with this chapter.  
(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, a licensed fountain device retailer as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.27, a person as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.44 and 3743.45, or a licensed exhibitor of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55, or as authorized by any municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to any of these statutes, and except as provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.80 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (h) and Section 1519.05 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 through 3743.55 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, 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. No person under eighteen years of age shall enter a fireworks sales showroom unless that person is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult. No person under eighteen years of age shall touch or possess fireworks on a licensed premises without the consent of the licensee. A licensee may eject any person from a licensed premises that is in any way disruptive to the safe operation of the premises.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.44, no person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks.

(f) No person shall negligently discharge, ignite or explode fireworks while in possession or control of, or under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer, or controlled substance.

(g) No person shall negligently discharge, ignite or explode fireworks on the property of another person without that person's permission to use fireworks on that property.  
(ORC 3743.65)

(h) Purchase, Use and Local Regulation of Consumer-Grade Fireworks.

- (1) Any person who intends to obtain possession in this state of 1.4G fireworks purchased in this state shall obtain possession of the 1.4G fireworks only from a licensed retailer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed wholesaler and shall be subject to subsection (h).
- (2) Any person authorized under subsection (h) to possess 1.4G fireworks in this state may discharge, ignite or explode those fireworks on private property, with authorization from the property owner, on the following days each year:
  - A. January 1<sup>st</sup>;
  - B. Chinese new year's day;
  - C. May 5<sup>th</sup>;
  - D. The last Monday in May, and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding that day;
  - E. June 19<sup>th</sup>;
  - F. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>;
  - G. The first Friday, Saturday and Sunday before and after July 4<sup>th</sup>;
  - H. The first Monday in September, and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding that day;
  - I. Diwali;
  - J. December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (3) Fireworks discharged, ignited or exploded pursuant to this subsection (h) shall not be considered a public exhibition;
- (4) The municipality may do either of the following:
  - A. Restrict the dates and times a person may discharge, ignite or explode fireworks purchased pursuant to this subsection (h).
  - B. Ban the discharge, ignition or explosion of fireworks purchased pursuant to this subsection (h).
- (5) This subsection (h) does not limit the enforcement of any ordinance, resolution or statute that regulates noise, disturbance of the peace, or disorderly conduct. (ORC 3743.45)

**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 the sale to the armed forces of the United States and the militia of this state, as recognized by the Adjutant General of Ohio, 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)

#### **1519.06 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS SHOWROOM STRUCTURES.**

- (a)
  - (1) Except as described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, all retail sales of 1.4G fireworks by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only occur from an approved retail sales showroom on a licensed premises or from a representative sample showroom as described in this section on a licensed premises. For the purposes of this section, a retail sale includes the transfer of the possession of the 1.4G fireworks from the licensed manufacturer or wholesaler to the purchaser of the fireworks.
  - (2) Sales of 1.4G fireworks to a licensed exhibitor for a properly permitted exhibition shall occur in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. Chapter 119. Such rules shall specify, at a minimum, that the licensed exhibitor holds a license under Ohio R.C. 3743.51, that the exhibitor possesses a valid exhibition permit issued in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54, and that the fireworks shipped are to be used at the specifically permitted exhibition.
- (b) All wholesale sales of fireworks by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only occur from a licensed premises to persons who intend to resell the fireworks purchased at wholesale. A wholesale sale by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may occur as follows:
  - (1) The direct sale and shipment of fireworks to a person outside of this state;
  - (2) From an approved retail sales showroom as described in this section;
  - (3) From a representative sample showroom as described in this section;

- (4) By delivery of wholesale fireworks to a purchaser at a licensed premises outside of a structure or building on that premises. All other portions of the wholesale sales transaction may occur at any location on a licensed premises.
  - (5) Any other method as described in rules adopted by the Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. Chapter 119.
- (c)
- (1) A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only sell 1.4G fireworks from a representative sample showroom or a retail sales showroom. Each licensed premises shall only contain one sales structure.
  - (2) A representative sample showroom shall consist of a structure constructed and maintained in accordance with the Nonresidential Building Code adopted under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3781 and the Fire Code adopted under Ohio R.C. 3737.82 for a use and occupancy group that permits mercantile sales. A representative sample showroom shall not contain any pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic materials, fireworks, explosives, explosive materials, or any similar hazardous materials or substances. A representative sample showroom shall be used only for the public viewing of fireworks product representations, including paper materials, packaging materials, catalogs, photographs, or other similar product depictions. The delivery of product to a purchaser of fireworks at a licensed premises that has a representative sample structure shall not occur inside any structure on a licensed premises. Such product delivery shall occur on the licensed premises in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 119.
  - (3) If a manufacturer or wholesaler elects to conduct sales from a retail sales showroom, the showroom structures, to which the public may have any access and in which employees are required to work, on all licensed premises, shall comply with the following safety requirements:
    - A. A fireworks showroom that is constructed or upon which expansion is undertaken on and after June 30, 1997, shall be equipped with interlinked fire detection, fire suppression, smoke exhaust, and smoke evacuation systems that are approved by the Superintendent of Industrial Compliance in the Department of Commerce.
    - B.
      1. A fireworks showroom that first begins to operate on or after June 30, 1997, or that resumes operations at any time after a period of inactive status or licensure greater than one year, and to which the public has access for retail purposes shall not exceed 7,500 square feet in floor area.
      2. A fireworks showroom that, through construction of a new showroom, expansion of an existing showroom, or similar means, first exceeds 5,000 square feet, to which the public has access for retail purposes, after February 7, 2022, shall be equipped with a sprinkler system that meets the criteria for sprinkler systems in extra hazard (group 2) occupancies under "NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems (2019 Edition)".

3. Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, the State Fire Marshal may provide a variance to the requirements of subsection (c)(3)B.2. of this section pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.59 for a sprinkler system that matches or exceeds the degree of safety provided by a sprinkler system that meets the criteria for sprinkler systems in extra hazard (group 2) occupancies under “NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems (2019 Edition)”.
- C. A newly constructed or an existing fireworks showroom structure that exists on September 23, 2008, but that, on or after September 23, 2008, is altered or added to in a manner requiring the submission of plans, drawings, specifications, or data pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3791.04, shall comply with a graphic floor plan layout that is approved by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance showing width of aisles, parallel arrangement of aisles to exits, number of exits per wall, maximum occupancy load, evacuation plan for occupants, height of storage or display of merchandise, and other information as may be required by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance.
- D. A fireworks showroom structure that exists on June 30, 1997, shall be in compliance on or after June 30, 1997, with floor plans showing occupancy load limits and internal circulation and egress patterns that are approved by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance, and that are submitted under seal as required by Ohio R.C. 3791.04.

(d) The safety requirements established in subsection (c) of this section are not subject to any variance, waiver, or exclusion pursuant to this chapter or any applicable building code. (ORC 3743.25)

#### **1519.07 MANUFACTURING OR WHOLESALE SALE WITHOUT A LICENSE; PROHIBITIONS.**

(a) No licensed manufacturer or licensed wholesaler of fireworks shall knowingly fail to comply with the rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.05 and 3743.18 or the requirements of Ohio R.C. 3743.06 and 3743.19.

(b) No licensed manufacturer or licensed wholesaler of fireworks shall fail to maintain complete inventory, wholesale sale and retail records as required by Ohio R.C. 3743.07 and 3743.20, or to permit an inspection of these records or the premises of a fireworks plant or the wholesaler pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.08 and 3743.21.

(c) No licensed manufacturer or licensed wholesaler of fireworks shall fail to comply with an order of the State Fire Marshal issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.01(B)(1) and 3743.21(B)(1) within the specified period of time.

(d) No licensed manufacturer or licensed wholesaler of fireworks shall fail to comply with an order of the State Fire Marshal issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.08(B)(2) and 3743.21(B)(2) until the nonconformities are eliminated, corrected or otherwise remedied or the seventy-two hour period specified in those divisions has expired, whichever occurs first.

(e) No person shall smoke or shall carry a pipe, cigarette or cigar, or a match, lighter, other flame-producing item, or open flame on, or shall carry a concealed source of ignition into, the premises of a fireworks plant or on the premises of a wholesaler of fireworks, except as smoking is authorized in specified lunchrooms or restrooms by a manufacturer or wholesaler pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.06(C) or 3743.19(D).

(f) No person shall have possession or control of, or be under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer, or controlled substance while on the premises of the fireworks plant or on the premises of a wholesaler of fireworks.

(g) No licensed manufacturer of fireworks or licensed wholesaler of fireworks shall negligently fail to furnish a safety pamphlet to a purchaser of 1.4G fireworks as required by Ohio R.C. 3743.47(A).

(h) No licensed manufacturer of fireworks or licensed wholesaler of fireworks shall negligently fail to have safety glasses available for sale as required by Ohio R.C. 3743.47(B). (ORC 3743.60, 3743.61)

#### **1519.08 PURCHASERS TO COMPLY WITH LAW; UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASES.**

(a) No person who purchases fireworks in this municipality shall obtain possession of the fireworks in this municipality unless the person complies with Ohio R.C. 3743.44 to 3743.46.

(b) Except for the purchase of 1.4G fireworks made under Section 1519.04, no person who resides in another state and who purchases fireworks in this state shall obtain possession of fireworks in this state other than from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler, or fail, when transporting 1.3G fireworks, to transport them directly out of this state within seventy-two hours after the time of their purchase.

(c) No person who purchases fireworks in this state under Section 1519.04, shall give or sell to any other person in this municipality fireworks that the person has acquired in this state. (ORC 3743.63)

#### **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))



**CHAPTER 1520**  
**Fire Safety Equipment and Facilities**

1520.01	Hydrant location, standards and approval.	1520.03	Obstruction of fire protection devices prohibited.
1520.02	Removing or tampering with fire hydrant or appliance.	1520.99	Penalty.

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**1520.01 HYDRANT LOCATION, STANDARDS AND APPROVAL.**

(a) Installation: All new places of assembly, educational, health care, detention and correctional, and business, industrial, storage or unusual structures, which are located more than 150 feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system shall be provided with properly placed fire hydrants as described herein.

(b) Design: Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying fire flows as required by the Fire Chief, Code Official or designee and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with accepted engineering practices. The Fire Chief, Code Official or designee shall designate and approve the number and location of fire hydrants. The Fire Chief, Code Official or designee may require the installation of sufficient fire hose and equipment housed in accordance with the approved rules as set forth in the Ohio Fire Code and the Ohio Building Code (OBC). Private fire hydrants may not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the Fire Chief, Code Official or designee.

(c) Height: Fire hydrant height shall be at least twelve inches, but not more than twenty-one inches above the surrounding finished grade. Such measurement shall be made from the lowest nozzle on the barrel. Break type fire hydrants shall have such feature installed at or as close as practical, to the surrounding grade.

(d) Collision Protection In Areas Of Vehicular Traffic: In areas subject to vehicular traffic where fire hydrants are located, such hydrants, when deemed necessary by the Code Official, shall have collision protection installed; the extent and type of such protection shall be acceptable to the Fire Chief, Code Official or designee.

(e) Installation Near Suppression System: A fire hydrant meeting the specifications of and installed according to this section and connected to a public water supply, shall be installed at a location designated by the Fire Official that is within seventy-five (75) feet of a Fire Department suppression system connection, but no closer than forty (40) feet to the building or structure.

(f) Distance: Hydrants shall be placed not over 300 feet apart, measured on the main, in all residential, multi-residential, commercial, or industrial districts within the limits of the City of Clayton.

(g) Replacement: All new fire hydrants and existing fire hydrants that are in need of replacement shall meet the City of Clayton's fire hydrant standards and have at least two (2), two-and-one-half (2 1/2) inch threaded connections, and one steamer type four (4) inch STORZ connection. All hose thread connections shall meet the thread specification of the current system being expanded or replaced and all sizes are at an inside measurement.

(h) Damage: Any person who damages a fire hydrant shall notify the Fire Chief, Code Official or other authorized designee.  
(Ord. 0-05-09-06. Passed 5-21-09.)

#### **1520.02 REMOVING OR TAMPERING WITH FIRE HYDRANT OR APPLIANCE.**

No person, not duly authorized in writing, shall knowingly move, deface, paint, damage, destroy or otherwise tamper with any fire hydrant, valve, plug or other feature of the public supply unless authorized in writing by the Fire Chief, Code Official or other authorized designee.  
(Ord. 0-05-09-06. Passed 5-21-09.)

#### **1520.03 OBSTRUCTION OF FIRE PROTECTION DEVICES PROHIBITED.**

(a) No natural or manmade barriers, including, but not limited to, posts, fences, vehicles, growth, trash, storage, and other materials or objects shall be placed or kept near fire hydrants, Fire Department inlet connections or fire protection system control valves in a manner that would prevent such equipment or fire hydrants from being immediately discernable.

(b) A minimum 3-foot (914 mm) clear distance shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrant(s) except as otherwise approved in writing by the Fire Chief, Code Official or other authorized designee. The Fire Department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants.  
(Ord. 0-05-09-06. Passed 5-21-09.)

#### **1520.99 PENALTY.**

##### **(a) Civil Penalties.**

- (1) Whoever violates any subsection of Section 1520.01, and after given due notice fails to comply, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day which such failure to comply or violation continues.
- (2) Due consideration to the appropriateness of the penalty with respect to the gravity of the violation, the good faith of the person being charged and the history of previous violations shall be given whenever a penalty is assessed.

- (3) Civil penalties imposed by this chapter shall be paid to the Municipal Chief Fiscal Officer for deposit into the General Revenue Fund. Such penalties may be recovered in a civil action in the name of the Municipality brought in the Court of Common Pleas. (ORC 3737.51 (B) to (H).

(b) Criminal Penalties. Whoever violates any provision of Sections 1520.02 or 1520.03 shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense and fined up to one hundred dollars (\$100); for each subsequent additional offense such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and may be fined a maximum penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and confined for a maximum of thirty days (30) days. After written notice and failure to comply, the City reserves the right to remove any obstruction(s) which are in violation of this chapter. (Ord. 0-05-09-06. Passed 5-21-09.)

