

## CONSUMER FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

**The ordinance governs the discharge and possession of Fireworks in the Town of Oakland, Maine. Other restrictions in regard to the use and sale of fireworks shall be governed by current Maine law (Title 8 M.R.S.A. Section 223-A and as amended).**

### Section A. Requirements

Fireworks are only permitted on property owned by the individuals igniting the fireworks; or with specific written permission from the owner of the property. Fireworks are not permitted on any property owned and controlled by the town of Oakland, the State of Maine or any other public entity.

Fireworks shall not be ignited within 50 feet of an adjacent property. Fireworks shall not be ignited with-in a one mile radius of Memorial Hall.

Fireworks shall not be ignited by any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any fireworks user found to be impaired by the consumption of alcohol and/or use of drugs shall be in violation of this ordinance.

Fireworks are not to be ignited under any conditions if the posted fire danger is greater than a Class 2. The use of fireworks is strictly prohibited on Class 3, 4, and 5 fire danger days or at times when a red flag fire warning has been issued by the State of Maine Forest Service (Phone: 800-750-9777 or website [www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpd/pages/Maine\\_Wildfires.htm](http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpd/pages/Maine_Wildfires.htm))

**An individual who ignites fireworks is responsible for any property damage caused by the fireworks.** All firework users are required to have a means of fire extinguishment readily accessible; including, but not limited to a garden hose or a fire extinguisher.

### Section B: Permissible Dates

Fireworks may be discharged as follows:

July 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM to July 5<sup>th</sup> 12:30 AM  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 9 AM to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30 AM  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 3 – 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

### Section C: Special Permits

A resident property owner (renter may provide owner's signed permit application) may obtain a special permit at the town office during regular office hours to ignite fireworks on weekends (Friday – 5:00 pm to Sunday – 5:00PM) as allowed by State law. Permits are issued for special non - recurring one day events and are limited to no more than a 4 hour time block.

### Section D: Violations and Enforcement

Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall result in:

1. First Offense: written warning
2. Second Offense: \$200 fine
3. Additional Offenses: \$400 fine

All fines shall be paid to the Town of Oakland and deposited into the general fund account.

OAKLAND TOWN OFFICE

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TOWN OF OAKLAND

FIREWORKS PERMIT

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Date for Permitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours for Permitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Permit: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Restrictions: In addition to Title 8 M.R.S.A. Section 223-A and as amended.

- Fireworks are only permitted on owner’s property.
- Fireworks shall not be ignited within 50 feet of adjacent property.
- Fireworks shall not be ignited within one (1) mile of Memorial Hall.
- Fireworks shall not be ignited by any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- The use of fireworks is not permitted by person(s) under the age of 21.
- Fireworks shall not be ignited if Class 3, 4, or 5 fire danger.
- Applicant is responsible for property damage and cost of Fire Department response.
- Property owner shall provide means of fire extinguishment.

I agree and understand the above restrictions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property owner – Signature



APPROVED (Unless fire conditions change)

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit valid the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_\_.

cc: Applicant  
Town Office  
Police Department  
Fire Department