

BILL NO. 25-053

ORDINANCE NO. 4991

FIRST READING 06.17.2025

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**AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL,
BY AMENDING SEC 12-1.-SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS**

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Hannibal:

Section 1. WHEREAS, The City of Hannibal previously passed section 12-1 of the Ordinances of the City of Hannibal, which said ordinance prohibits the discharge of fireworks in the City limits of Hannibal

AND WHEREAS, further, that the council has determined that it would be appropriate to allow discharge of fireworks during limited circumstances during the period surrounding the 4th of July;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council hereby revises Chapter 32 Article XI as follows:

Section 2. Section 12-1 of the Ordinances of the City of Hannibal is hereby revoked and a new Section 12-1 is hereby enacted as follows:

Sec. 12-1. - Sale and use of fireworks.

- (a) No person shall sell, offer for sale, use or discharge any firecrackers or fireworks, including but not limited to toy pistols, cannons or canes in which explosives are used, or any type of balloon which requires fire underneath to cause the same to rise. However, this section shall not apply the following situations:
 - (1) The necessary discharge of flares or torpedoes for signal purposes in connection with railroads or other means of transportation.
 - (2) The use of blank cartridges, firearms or species of fireworks in connection with theatrical exhibitions.
 - (3) The activities of any military organization or organization of veterans.
 - (4) The use or activities of any department or division of the city approved by the official head of the department or division.

(5) Any pyrotechnic display given by a civic organization or group or under the supervision or authority thereof, or by an amusement park. Any such display must be licensed as provided herein.

(6) Fireworks discharged on private property between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. on July 3, July 4, or July 5, provided that the person discharging the fireworks is at least 18 years of age, has a method of fire extinguishment within 10 feet which is sufficient and appropriate to extinguish any fire started by the lighting or discharge of the fireworks, and who is discharging the fireworks in the manner recommended or directed on the fireworks.

(b) Permits for the use of fireworks in connection with pyrotechnic displays shall be issued by the chief of the fire department upon written application when he is satisfied that the applicant is a responsible civic group or association, or the responsible management of an amusement park, that the conditions and use of fireworks will not involve undue or unusual danger to person or property, and that proper standards concerning the use of the fireworks will be employed.

(Code 1963, § 301.240; Code 1988, § 12-1; Ord. No. 3296, § 2, 1-4-1983; Ord. No. 4285, § 1, 4-20-2004)

State Law reference— Fireworks, RSMo 320.106 et seq.; authority for local regulation of fireworks, RSMo 320.121.

Section 2 All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, in so far as they conflict, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED ON THIS 1st DAY OF July 2025.

APPROVED ON THIS 1st DAY OF July 2025.



Darrell McCoy, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Cogdal, City Clerk