

Fireworks Ordinance
Backus Township Ordinance No. 7

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish safe environment for the discharge of fireworks and to insure protection for the viewing public and the property owners surrounding the discharge site.

Section 2: Application and Site Plan

- A. Any party wishing to stage a fireworks display shall, at least 30 days prior to the display, submit an application on a form furnished by the Township and shall secure permission from the Township Board prior to the fireworks display.
- B. A site plan of the area where the fireworks display is to be conducted shall be submitted with the application. The site plan shall set forth all structures in the area and the discharge site fallout area. The site plan shall furthermore set forth the distance separating the mortars used launch the fireworks and the structures and also set forth the distance separating the mortars and the spectators viewing the display. All site plans must be approved by the Denton Township Fire department prior to Township Board approval.

Section 3: Requirements and Restrictions

- A. The fireworks company conducting the display shall follow National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 1123 for Fireworks Display and/or the Backus Township requirements, whichever is more restrictive.
- B. The fireworks company shall maintain personal injury liability insurance/property damage liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 during each event. The Township shall be named as an additional insured on the insurance policy. The insurance policy must be submitted with the aforementioned application and shall be subject to the Risk Management Company's review. The insurance policy shall also include coverage for the cleanup after the fireworks display has ended.
- C. The fireworks company shall be responsible for all shells being fired. In the event one of the shells does not explode, the fireworks company shall secure the area until the unexploded shell is found and properly disposed of.
- D. The consumption of alcohol prior to and during display by the shooters or any person on site employed by the fireworks company is strictly prohibited.

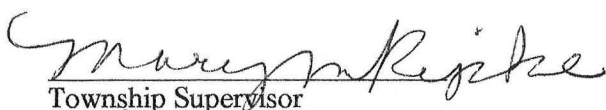
Section 4: Enforcement and Penalties

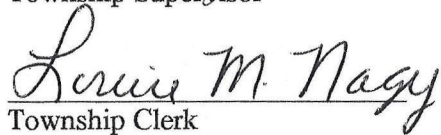
- A. This Ordinance shall be enforced by such persons who shall be so designated by the Township Board.
- B. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars or by imprisonment for not exceeding 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

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Section 5: Effective date

- A. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.
- B. This Ordinance was adopted by the Township of Backus, Roscommon County, Michigan, at a regular meeting thereof held on September 8, 1998.


Township Supervisor


Township Clerk

I, Louise M. Nagy, Clerk of the Township of Backus, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing amendment was published in the Houghton Lake Resorter, a newspaper circulated in the Township of Backus, on the 16th day of September, A.D. 1998

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How voted:

Nagy, yes: Rase, yes: Enos, yes: Cole, yes: Ripke, yes: