

OAK HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREWORKS REGULATIONS 2011

R.C.W. 70.77.136 states: “Consumer fireworks” means any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion . . . and . . . classified as fireworks UN0336 by the United States Department of Transportation. . .

R.C.W. 70.77.401 states: “No fireworks may be sold or offered for sale to the public as consumer fireworks which are classified as *sky rockets, or missile type rockets, firecrackers, salutes or chasers* as defined by the U. S. Department of Transportation and the federal consumer products safety commission.

R.C.W. 70.77.395 (2) states: Consumer fireworks may be discharged between 12:00 noon and eleven o’clock p.m. on June 28th, and between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and eleven o’clock p.m. on June 29th through July 3rd, and between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and twelve o’clock (mid-night) on July 4th and between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and eleven o’clock p.m. on July 5th.

FIREWORKS WHICH MAY BE LAWFULLY PURCHASED, POSSESSED, OR DISCHARGED BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ARE AS FOLLOWS.

SPARKLER: Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition.

CYLINDRICAL FOUNTAIN: Cylindrical tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks and at times a whistling effect is produced. This device may be provided with a spike for insertion into the ground, a wood or plastic base for placing on the ground, or a wood or cardboard handle if intended to be handheld.

CONE FOUNTAIN: Cardboard or heavy paper cone containing pyrotechnic composition. The effect is the same as a cylindrical fountain.

ILLUMINATING TORCH: Cylindrical tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, colored fire is produced, May be spike, base or handheld.

WHEEL: Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Each wheel may contain up to six driver units containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition the wheel revolves producing a shower of color and sparks, and at times a whistling effect.

GROUND SPINNERS: Small device similar to a wheel in design and effect, placed on the ground and ignited.

FLITTER SPARKLER: Narrow paper tube containing pyrotechnic composition which produce color and sparks upon ignition. This devise does not have a fuse for ignition. The paper at one end is designed as the fuse.

MINE / SHELL: Heavy cardboard or paper tube attached to a wood or plastic base and containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, “stars” or other devices are propelled into the air.

COMBINATION ITEMS: Firework devices containing a combination of two (2) or more of the effects described in this flyer.

SMOKE DEVICE: Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition which, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke.

HELICOPTER / AERIAL SPINNER: A tube containing pyrotechnic composition. A propeller or blade is attached which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device in the air. A visible or audible effect is produced during flight.

ROMAN CANDLE: Heavy paper of cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition up to ten stars are individually expelled at several-second intervals.

FIREWORKS THAT ARE UNLAWFUL TO PURCHASE, POSSESS, OR DISCHARGE AT ANY TIME IN WASHINGTON STATE:

MISSILE-TYPE ROCKET: A device similar to a sky rocket in size, composition and effect which uses fins rather than a stick for guidance.

FIRE CRACKERS / SALUTES: Small, paper-wrapped or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition noise and a flash are produced.

SKY ROCKET: Tubes that contain pyrotechnic composition. Sky rockets utilize a wooden stick for guidance and stability. A burst of color and noise or both is produced while in flight.

CHASER: Small paper or cardboard tube that travels along the ground upon ignition.