

## ORDINANCE NO. 120825-06

### An Ordinance Amending 42-44 Fireworks of the Municipal Code for The Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake

The Village Board of the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Amending Section 42-44 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, As follows:

#### **Section 42-44 Fireworks.**

All use or display of fireworks, except as provided by law and/or village ordinance, is prohibited. The village board of trustees may issue a fireworks permit if the following items are adhered to:

- (1) Any person or organization requesting to have a public or private fireworks display/show must complete and turn in an application for a license to the village clerk at least 35 days prior to the event. Said application shall be accompanied by an application fee in the amount determined by the Village Board from time to time.
- (2) The applicant must show proof of insurance of a minimum of \$10,000,000 to the village clerk and that the village is listed as a co-insured.
- (3) In granting the permit, the Fire Chief or designee may require that adequate fire and EMS equipment and personnel be present at the property for which the fireworks display is to occur, and upon the Fire Chief's discretion. One boat or fire apparatus and two personnel shall be included as part of the Fireworks fee schedule. The applicant shall pay any costs for additional fire or police services as determined by the fire chief and police chief ~~for the event~~ in accordance with the current Village Fee Schedule as may be adopted from time to time.
- (4) No fireworks display may begin later than 10:00 pm and must be completed by 10:30 pm. The Police or Fire Chief may extend these times based on weather conditions.
- (5) As a prerequisite to applying for a permit, the applicant must provide proof of written notice to all property owners or associations within 300 feet of the fireworks display.
- (4) (6) The Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency and the Water Safety Patrol must receive a copy of the application at least 72 hours prior to the display. Any additional cost for boats and/or staffing as determined by those agencies shall be paid by the applicant.
- (7) Fire Department personnel shall have the right to inspect the property prior to and during the fireworks display to ensure the safety and well-being of those present during the fireworks display and the neighboring property owners. The Fire Chief, Police Chief or their designee shall have the right, due to weather related conditions or other emergencies, require that the fireworks display be postponed or canceled in its entirety.
- (8) The fireworks display authorized by the permit shall be in accordance with and conducted according to the standards set forth in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Regulations, NFPA 1123, Code for Fireworks Display, and NFPA 1126, Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and its amendment.

Upon satisfactory completion of the application process the license must be signed by the village president or his/her designee, ~~and the fire chief or his/her designee, and the police chief or his/her designee.~~

~~This license can be cancelled and/or extended up to 48 hours by authority of the fire chief or his/her designee for safety purposes.~~

**SECTION 2.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon and from its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Village Board of the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin this 8th day of December, 2025.

VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF  
FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

By:   
Pat Kenny, Village President

Attest:   
Bonnie Liptak, Village Clerk