



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS – USE OF FIREWORKS**

**ORDINANCE NO: 05-00**

**1.01 AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the authority of New Hampshire RSA 41:8, 41:11-A, 47:17, 160-C, and any other applicable state statute annotated, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton hereby ordain as follows:

**1.02 PURPOSE**

To allow the possession and use of Class C, “consumer or permissible” fireworks, in the town of Hopkinton. To prohibit the sale, purchase, possession, use or firing of any Class B, “special or display” fireworks within the town of Hopkinton without a valid permit granted by the Board of Selectmen, and as approved by the Hopkinton Fire Chief and Hopkinton Police Chief.

**1.03 DEFINITION**

Permissible Fireworks: means any fireworks approved by the Fireworks Review Committee and listed on the permissible fireworks list established pursuant to NH RSA 160-C:15, I. Permissible fireworks are also known as “consumer fireworks”.

Display Fireworks: are large fireworks designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. This term includes, but is not limited to, salutes containing more than 2 grains (130 mg) of explosive material, aerial shells containing more than 40 grams of pyrotechnic composition, and other display pieces which exceed the limits of explosive materials for classification as “consumer fireworks”.

**1.04 USE**

Class C, Consumer Fireworks: A small device designed to produce audible effects such as a whistling device or ground device, containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive material.

Any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition and labeling regulations of the United State Consumer Product Safety Commission, as set forth in Title 16 CFR Parts 1500 and 1507. Resident shall be permitted the use of any Class C, permissible or consumer fireworks, as approved by the Department of Safety, and the Hopkinton Fireworks Review Committee.

**1.05 PROHIBITED USE**

Class B - Display Fireworks: In accordance with the provisions of RSA 160-A, it shall be illegal for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, purchase, possess, use or explode any Class B, display fireworks without a permit.

**1.06 ENFORCEMENT**

Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$500.00 per violation.

**1.07 PREVIOUS ORDINANCES**

The provisions of this ordinance replace all previous ordinances regulating use of fireworks issued by the Town of Hopkinton, and any previous use of fireworks ordinances are hereby rescinded.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

These rules and regulations shall become effective on the 11th day of July 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned members of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton have hereunder set their hands this 11th day of July 2005.

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Donald K. Lane, Chairman

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Lloyd A. Holmes, Selectman

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Louise M. Carr, Selectman

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Clarke L. Kidder, Selectman

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Peter M. Russell, Selectman

A true copy, attest:

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Sue Strickford, Town Clerk