

Chapter 8.58 FIREWORKS

8.58.010 RCW adopted.

Except as otherwise provided herein, Chapter 70.77 RCW, the State Fireworks Law, is hereby adopted by reference, including all future amendments or additions thereto.

(Ord. No. 2623, § II, 5-2-2011)

8.58.020 Restriction on times for sale and discharge of fireworks.

The sale, purchase and discharge of consumer fireworks shall not be permitted at any time except during the following times and dates:

- A. Consumer fireworks may be purchased and sold within the City of Camas only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of any year; between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on July 5th of any year; and only between the hours of 12:00 noon and 11:00 p.m. on December 29th through December 31st of any year; and
- B. Consumer fireworks may be discharged within the City of Camas only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4th of any year; and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on December 31st and 1:00 a.m. on January 1st of the subsequent year.

(Ord. No. 2623, § II, 5-2-2011; Ord. No. 15-015, § I, 9-21-2015, eff. 9-30-2016; Ord. No. 18-009, § I, 6-18-2018)

8.58.023 Emergencies—Restrictions on use and sale.

The fire chief may prohibit the discharge and sale of all fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "extreme fire danger" shall mean a period of hot, dry weather, accompanied by low fuel moistures. It is during this period that wildland fires can be expected, and fire growth will be accelerated. The provisions of this section are intended to supplement, and not replace, the emergency powers otherwise available pursuant to Chapters 2.48 and 8.56 of the Municipal Code.

(Ord. No. 15-015, § II, 9-21-2015, eff. 9-30-2016; Ord. No. 21-017, § I, 12-6-2021)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 21-017, § I, adopted Dec. 6, 2021, shall take force and be in effect one year from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

8.58.025 Special permits.

- A. The fire chief or his designee is authorized to issue permits for the purchase and use of consumer fireworks and such audible ground devices as firecrackers, salutes, and chasers if (1) the firework and audible ground devices are purchased from a licensed manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler; (2) the consumer fireworks and audible ground devices are used only on prescribed dates, times and locations as set forth in the permit; and (3) the consumer fireworks and audible ground devices are used for a religious or specific purpose as set forth in the permit.

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- B. The fire chief or his designee may make issuance of the permit subject to compliance with specified conditions relating to the mitigation of public health, safety, and welfare concerns. If the public health, safety, and welfare concerns cannot be mitigated, then the application for the permit may be denied.
 - C. The fire chief or his designee shall develop an application form for permits issued under this section. There shall be no fee charged for the issuance of the permit.

(Ord. No. 2702 , § I, 5-5-2014)

8.58.030 Violation—Penalty.

- A. The fire marshal or his/her designee is the enforcing officer of this chapter. Any violation of provisions of Chapter 70.77 RCW, this chapter, or a permit issued under this chapter, or any failure or refusal on the part of a permittee to obey any rule, regulation or request of the fire marshal concerning fireworks, shall be grounds for revocation of a firework permit. In the case of a conviction for a violation of this chapter, the fire marshal or designee may order the fireworks stand closed and may deny approval of a request by the person for a fireworks permit for a period of one year.
- B. Unless otherwise provided below, any person violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this chapter which does not also constitute a violation of state law shall be guilty of a civil infraction and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars for the first offense, five hundred dollars for the second offense, seven hundred fifty dollars for the third offense and one thousand dollars for each subsequent offense within a three-year period.
- C. The fire marshal or designee, Camas Police Department and the city code enforcement officer shall have authority to issue citations to enforce this chapter.
- D. Seizure and forfeiture of fireworks. In addition to monetary penalties and prosecution, enforcement personnel from the Camas-Washougal Fire Department or Camas Police Department may seize and dispose of fireworks that are in violation of this chapter, according to law.

(Ord. No. 2623, § II, 5-2-2011; Ord. No. 18-010, § I, 6-18-2018)