

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO FIREWORKS; CREATING CHAPTER 93 OF THE TOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “FIREWORKS”; DECLARING FINDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; SPECIFYING UNLAWFUL ACTS; SPECIFYING THE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER WHICH THE TOWN MAY GRANT A PERMIT FOR A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AMONG ORDINANCES, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida:

Section 1. The title of Chapter 93 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, is revised to read “Fireworks.” Reference to Article I of Chapter 93 is deleted.

Section 2. Sections 93-1, 93-2, and 93-3 of the town code are created to read:

Sec. 93-1. General.

A. Town Council findings. The Town Council finds that the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills is predominately a residential town, with few nonresidential properties. The detonation and explosion of fireworks within the Town’s boundaries, whether by untrained individuals or by persons trained in the Code of Fireworks Display approved by the American National Standards Institute, can impose material risks to public safety and property. For that reason the detonation of fireworks is subject to the prohibitions and restrictions of this chapter.

B. Definitions. In this chapter “fireworks” and other terms have the meanings ascribed to them in Chapter 791 of Florida Statutes. “Pyrotechnics” means

1 “fireworks.” The phrase “public display of managed pyrotechnics” has the
2 same meaning as the phrase in Chapter 791 “public display of fireworks”.
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4 **Sec. 93-2. Unlawful acts.** It is unlawful to use, detonate, or explode
5 fireworks within the boundaries of the town at any time other than the following:

- 6 1. New Year’s Eve, December 31, between 5:00 P.M. and 12:30
7 A.M.;
- 8 2. New Year’s Day, January 1, between 4:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M.;
- 9 and
- 10 3. Independence Day, July 4, between 4:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M.
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12 **Sec. 93-3. Public displays of managed pyrotechnics.** A permit for the privilege
13 of conducting within the boundaries of the town a supervised public display of
14 managed pyrotechnics may be granted, but only under the following conditions:

- 15 A. By written resolution or by motion and vote the Town Council has
16 authorized conducting public displays of managed pyrotechnics and has not
17 rescinded its authorization; and
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- 19 B. The public display will occur only on one of the three dates, and only during
20 the times, specified in section 93-2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a public
21 display of managed pyrotechnics may be conducted on a different date or at
22 a different time upon its approval either by written resolution or by express
23 motion and vote by the Town Council; and
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- 25 B. As contemplated under section 791.012 of Florida Statutes, the public
26 display of managed pyrotechnics will be governed by and conducted in full
27 and strict compliance with the requirements of the National Fire Protection
28 Association (NFPA) 1123, Code for Fireworks Display, 1995 Edition,
29 approved by the American National Standards Institute; and
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- 31 C. As contemplated under section 791.02 of Florida Statutes, both the town’s
32 police chief and the county fire chief determine that the operator is
33 competent to conduct the managed pyrotechnics display; and
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1 D. As contemplated under section 791.02 of Florida Statutes, the county fire
2 chief determines that the managed pyrotechnics display is of such a nature
3 and will be so located, discharged, and fired as, in the fire chief’s opinion
4 after proper inspection, will not be hazardous to property and will not
5 endanger persons; and
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7 E. The operator of the public display of managed pyrotechnics complies with
8 all conditions, requirements, and safety precautions imposed by both the
9 police chief and the county fire chief; and
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11 F. The operator of the public display of managed pyrotechnics pays to the
12 town, before the display occurs, all costs incurred and estimated to be
13 incurred by the town and the county in connection with the public display;
14 and
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16 G. The town clerk issues the permit for the public display, but only after
17 confirmation from the police chief and the fire chief that the requirements of
18 C, D, E, and F have been fulfilled and the operator of the public display has
19 paid in full all actual and expected costs as required under F.
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22 **Section 3. Severability.** If any part of this ordinance is declared by a court of
23 competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, the
24 remaining parts of the ordinance shall remain in full effect. To that end, this
25 ordinance is declared severable.
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27 **Section 4. Conflicts.** In a conflict between this ordinance and other existing
28 ordinances, this ordinance shall control and supersede.
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30 **Section 5. Codification.** The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance are
31 to be codified in Chapter 93 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Howey-in-
32 the-Hills, Florida. No other sections are to be codified.
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1 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its enactment.

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3 **ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 8th day of April, 2024, by the Town Council
4 of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

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6 **TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS,**
7 **FLORIDA**

8 **By:** its Town Council

9 By: _____
10 Hon. Martha MacFarlane, Mayor

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12 **ATTEST:**

13 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**
(for the use and reliance of the Town only)

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16 John Brock, Town Clerk

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18 Thomas J. Wilkes, Town Attorney

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19 First Reading held **March 25, 2024**

20 Second Reading and hearing held **April 8, 2024**

21 Public hearing advertised **March 29, 2024**

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