

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN  
ORDINANCE 7-26-27**

**BY ALDERPERSONS BOORSE AND HEIDEMANN.**

**JUNE 22, 2026.**

AN ORDINANCE amending section 24-338 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code so as to update the proposed fireworks display application deadline.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:**        **AMENDMENT** “Sec 24-338 Sale, Use Or Discharge” of the Sheboygan Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

**BEFORE AMENDMENT**

Sec 24-338 Sale, Use Or Discharge

- (a) No person may sell, possess, use or discharge any fireworks within the city, except that the possession, use, and discharge of fireworks is permitted in conjunction with a fireworks display as follows:
- (1) A fireworks display sponsored and specifically approved by the common council, and conducted by or on behalf of the city; or
  - (2) Upon the granting of a fireworks display permit issued by the fire chief. Such permit may be issued by the fire chief at the fire chief's discretion, but only if the applicant meets the following requirements:
    - a. Every application shall be made no less than 45 days prior to the proposed display, except this provision shall not apply to any display taking place fewer than 45 after passage of this section by the common council.
    - b. Each applicant shall provide a certificate of liability insurance evidencing minimum limits of \$2,000,000.00 coverage per person for personal injury and not less than \$1,000,000.00 for property damage per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and naming the City of Sheboygan and the property owner, if different, as additional insureds. Such certificate shall be issued by an insurance company approved and licensed by the state office of the commissioner of insurance to do business in the state.
    - c. Each applicant shall submit a clear and readable copy of a valid and current department of the treasury, bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms license/permit (issued under 18 USC ch. 40) held by the fireworks company or the license applicant conducting the display.

- d. Each application shall include a clear description of the intended site and plan for the display including:
  1. The name of the property owner;
  2. The sponsor of the display;
  3. The mailing address and telephone number of applicant;
  4. The name of person in charge of the display;
  5. The name of the fireworks company conducting the display;
  6. The date and time storage and possession of fireworks will begin and end;
  7. The name and telephone number of person responsible for the site while fireworks are present;
  8. A site layout pursuant to NFPA 1123;
  9. A current color site map with an overlay of the exact location planned of the grounds on which the display is to be held showing the exact point at which the fireworks are to be discharged, the locations of all buildings, streets, trees, overhead public utility lines or overhead obstructions within 500 yards of the point of discharge and an adequate clear area indicating the lines behind which the public will be restrained;
  10. Specification of the date and time the display will begin and end; and
  11. A complete listing of the number and type of all fireworks to be in possession at the site and the number and type to be discharged on the date and time specified in the permit application.
- e. Each application shall be accompanied by payment of a permit fee in the amount \$150.00 and an agreement to pay the actual cost of public safety services provided by the city as determined by the fire chief and the police chief. The chiefs shall provide an estimate of the costs within 14 days of receipt of a completed fireworks display permit application.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

- (1) The possession or use of explosives in accordance with rules or general orders of the state department of commerce.
- (2) The disposal of hazardous substances in accordance with rules adopted by the department of natural resources.
- (3) The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in any manufacturing process.
- (4) The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in connection with classes conducted by educational institutions.
- (5) A possessor or manufacturer of explosives in possession of a license or permit under 18 USC 841 through 848 if the possession of the fireworks is authorized under the license or permit.
- (6) The possession of fireworks while directly transporting the fireworks to a city,

town or village where the possession of the fireworks is authorized by permit or ordinance.

(Code 1975, § 26-18(b), (c)(2); Code 1997, § 50-698; Ord. No. 34-04-05, § 11, 10-18-2004; Ord. No. 48-06-07, § 1, 11-20-2006)

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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN COMMON COUNCIL

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Presiding Officer

Attest

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Ryan Sorenson, Mayor, City of  
Sheboygan

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Meredith DeBruin, City Clerk, City of  
Sheboygan