

# CITY OF OAK HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

## CONSUMER FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

**R.C.W. 70.77.136 states:** “Consumer fireworks” means any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion . . . and . . . classified as fireworks UN0336 by the United States Department of Transportation. . .

**R.C.W. 70.77.401 states:** “No fireworks may be sold or offered for sale to the public as consumer fireworks which are classified as *sky rockets, or missile type rockets, firecrackers, salutes or chasers* as defined by the U. S. Department of Transportation and the federal consumer products safety commission.

**R.C.W. 70.77.395 (2) states:** Consumer fireworks may be discharged between 12:00 noon and eleven o’clock p.m. on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and eleven o’clock p.m. on June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and twelve o’clock (mid-night) on July 4<sup>th</sup> and between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and eleven o’clock p.m. on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **FIREWORKS WHICH MAY BE LAWFULLY PURCHASED, POSSESSED, OR DISCHARGED BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ARE AS FOLLOWS.**

**SPARKLER:** Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition.

**CYLINDRICAL FOUNTAIN:** Cylindrical tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks and at times a whistling effect is produced. This device may be provided with a spike for insertion into the ground, a wood or plastic base for placing on the ground, or a wood or cardboard handle if intended to be handheld.

**CONE FOUNTAIN:** Cardboard or heavy paper cone containing pyrotechnic composition. The effect is the same as a cylindrical fountain.

**ILLUMINATING TORCH:** Cylindrical tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, colored fire is produced. May be spike, base or handheld.

**WHEEL:** Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Each wheel may contain up to six driver units containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition the wheel revolves producing a shower of color and sparks, and at times a whistling effect.

**GROUND SPINNERS:** Small device similar to a wheel in design and effect, placed on the ground and ignited.

**FLITTER SPARKLER:** Narrow paper tube containing pyrotechnic composition which produce color and sparks upon ignition. This device does not have a fuse for ignition. The paper at one end is designed as the fuse.

**MINE / SHELL:** Heavy cardboard or paper tube attached to a wood or plastic base and containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, “stars” or other devices are propelled into the air.

**COMBINATION ITEMS:** Firework devices containing a combination of two (2) or more of the effects described in this flyer.

**SMOKE DEVICE:** Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition which, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke.

**HELICOPTER / AERIAL SPINNER:** A tube containing pyrotechnic composition. A propeller or blade is attached which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device in the air. A visible or audible effect is produced during flight.

**ROMAN CANDLE:** Heavy paper of cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition up to ten stars are individually expelled at several-second intervals.

### **FIREWORKS THAT ARE UNLAWFUL TO PURCHASE, POSSESS, OR DISCHARGE AT ANY TIME IN WASHINGTON STATE:**

**MISSILE-TYPE ROCKET:** A device similar to a sky rocket in size, composition and effect which uses fins rather than a stick for guidance.

**FIRE CRACKERS / SALUTES:** Small, paper-wrapped or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition noise and a flash are produced.

**SKY ROCKET:** Tubes that contain pyrotechnic composition. Sky rockets utilize a wooden stick for guidance and stability. A burst of color and noise or both is produced while in flight.

**CHASER:** Small paper or cardboard tube that travels along the ground upon ignition.