



**City of Traverse City
Policy for Fireworks on City Property and
Within 500 Feet of City Waters**

A. Introduction:

1. The State of Michigan has enacted House Bill 4293, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (the “Act”) effective January 1, 2012 and the stated purpose of the Act is to regulate the purchase, possession, sale and use of “consumer fireworks.”
2. The Act prohibits a local unit of government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance regulating the sale, display, storage, transportation, or distribution of consumer fireworks.
3. The Act prohibits ignition, discharge or use of consumer fireworks on public property without express permission.
4. The Act permits a local unit of government to enact an ordinance regulating the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks, but such an ordinance may not regulate the use of consumer fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday.
5. The City of Traverse City is committed to preserving its parks and public spaces for the current and future needs of its residents.
6. The City’s parks and public spaces offer an important opportunity for residents and visitors to pursue active and passive recreation.

B. Definition:

Consumer fireworks: as defined in the Act are devices designed to produce visible effect by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical, composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 15070, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks do not include low impact fireworks as defined in the Act.

C. Fireworks on city-owned property or within 500 feet of land on city waters.

The use of consumer fireworks in the City's parks and public places is incompatible with the desired uses of these areas due to the issues of safety, noise and pollution associated with their use.

The City Commission finds it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to expressly deny permission for the use of consumer fireworks on City-owned property and within 500 feet of land on City Waters.

I hereby certify that the above policy was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Traverse City at its regular meeting of April 16, 2012, held in the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.



Benjamin C. Marentette, City Clerk