



Town of Clarenville - Policy Manual

Title: Fireworks Policy
Policy No.: PW-15

Council Motion No.: 21-131
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PURPOSE:

To outline the dates throughout the year that family fireworks are permitted to be discharged within the municipal boundaries.

AUTHORITY:

- Municipalities Act, 1999
- Council Discretion

DEFINITIONS:

Discharge: firing, igniting, exploding, using, and setting off fireworks;

Fireworks: family fireworks, aerial fireworks, and pyrotechnics and:

Aerial Fireworks: high hazard fireworks as described in Class 7, Division 2, Subdivision 2 of the *Explosives Regulations* under the *Explosives Act*, RSC 1985, c E-17, as amended;

Family Fireworks: low-hazard fireworks for recreation commonly referred to as consumer fireworks, and as described in Class 7, Division 2, Subdivision 1 of the *Explosives Regulations* under the *Explosives Act*, RSC 1985, c E-17, as amended;

Pyrotechnics: theatrical explosives as described in Class 7, Division 2, Subdivision 5 of the *Explosives Regulations* under the *Explosives Act*, RSC 1985, c E-17, as amended; and

Inspector: any person designated by Council to administer and enforce this By-Law.

GENERAL:

No person shall discharge fireworks within the municipal boundaries of the Town unless authorized under this By-Law.

No person shall discharge or cause or allow to be discharged fireworks in such a manner as might create danger to any person, animal or property, or do or cause or allow any unsafe act or omission in the discharging of any fireworks.

Nothing in this By-Law shall or shall be deemed to alter, amend, or abrogate in any way the requirements and responsibilities set out in the *Fire Protection Services Act*, SNL 2008, c F-11.01, as amended, and its Regulations, or the *Explosives Act*, RSC 1985, c E-17, as amended, and its Regulations.

FAMILY FIREWORKS:

No person shall discharge family fireworks within the municipal boundaries of the Town except:

- a) between the hours of 7:00PM at night on July 1 (Canada Day) and 1:00AM of the following



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day;

- b) between the hours of 7:00PM at night on the 3rd Wednesday of July (Clareville Day) and 1:00AM of the following day;
- c) between the hours of 7:00PM at night on December 31 (New Year's Eve) and 1:00AM of the following day; and
- d) any other day and time as designated by Council.

The Town may, for weather-related or any other reason, declare that family fireworks shall not proceed on July 1 (Canada Day), 3rd Wednesday of July (Clareville Day) or December 31 (New Year's Eve), and may announce an alternate day and time when the discharge of family fireworks is permitted.

Notice of the alternate day and time as referenced in section above shall be given by posting on the Town's website.

No person shall discharge family fireworks in, into, or on:

- a) any building, structure, doorway, or vehicle;
- b) any highway, street, lane, square, road, or other public place; and
- c) any land that they do not own unless the owner thereof has given written permission.

No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall discharge family fireworks.

Every person who discharges family fireworks shall have access to a fire extinguisher and bucket of water ready for immediate use at the site where the family fireworks are discharged.

Every person who discharges family fireworks shall do so in accordance with the instructions printed on each item or package.

AERIAL FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNICS:

No person shall discharge aerial fireworks or pyrotechnics within the municipal boundaries of the Town without first obtaining approval.

FIRE BAN

Notwithstanding the above sections, where a prohibition on the setting of fires in relation to forest lands within or adjacent to the boundary of the Town of Clareville has been proclaimed under the *Forestry Act*, RSNL 1990 c F-23, as amended, and remains in effect, no person shall discharge fireworks within the boundaries of the Town.



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PENALTY

Any person who contravenes the provisions of this By-Law shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a penalty as provided for in Section 419 of the Municipalities Act, 1999.

In the event of any person failing to do anything which under this By-Law they ought to have done, the Town may do that act and recover the expenses thereof from the person so in default as a civil debt.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The Town of Clarenville Fireworks By-Law shall come into force and take effect as of 12:01AM on August 25, 2021.

REVISION HISTORY:

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