

Ordinance No. 20260324

City of Huntington, Texas

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE USE FIREWORKS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY.

Whereas, Texas Health and Safety Code 775.0363 grants municipalities the authority to adopt rules that are the same or less stringent than those set by the state fire marshal; and

Whereas, there is growing concern for the prevention of fires, loss of life, and the loss of property in the East Texas Piney Woods area; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Huntington, Texas has given lengthy consideration to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Huntington;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Huntington, Texas:

Section I: Fireworks

- (a) Any form of explosive or incendiary device designed to be set off or lighted by flame or heat, and shall specifically include, but not be limited to, roman candles, skyrocketers, sparklers, firecrackers, whistles, fuses, flares, torches, bottle rockets, skyrocketers, fire balloons, or any other type of casing containing any propellant charge or pyrotechnic effect;

Section II: Use of Fireworks

No fireworks are to be set off or lit inside the city limits.

Section III: Retail Sale of Fireworks

No fireworks of any kind shall be sold within the city limits of the City of Huntington, whether from fireworks stands, individual vendors, or other places of business.

Section IV: Public Fireworks Displays

The following requirements apply to all public fireworks displays.

- a. Only public fireworks displays sanctioned, organized, and supervised by the City of Huntington shall be allowed inside the city limits, and shall be limited to specific celebrations such as July 4th, New Year's Eve, or other special dates or events as approved by the Huntington City Council.
- b. A fire watch by the City of Huntington Volunteer Fire Department is required throughout the duration of the display.

- c. City fire department vehicles, apparatuses, and the necessary number of firefighters as determined by the fire chief are required to stand by thirty (30) minutes prior to the display, for the duration of the display, and for thirty (30) minutes after the display has ended.

Section V: Enforcement and Penalty for Violation

- a. Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, (law enforcement officers, City Code Enforcement Officer), may issue immediate notice of violation to the individual or individuals violating any provision herein, and such violation shall be prosecuted as a class C misdemeanor in the city municipal court and/or other court of competent jurisdiction. Any individual(s) violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- b. Each continuing day's violation under this ordinance may constitute a separate offense.

Section VI: Enforcement Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon approval by the City Council of the City of Huntington, Texas.

Section VII: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Huntington, Texas, at the regular monthly meeting on the 24th day of March, 2026.



Todd Ricks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Davis, City Secretary

