

ORDINANCE COVER SHEET

Bill No. 2026-08

Ordinance No. 4115

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOLIVAR MUNICIPAL CODE BY
AMENDING SECTION 225.570 REGARDING SALE OR USE OF FIREWORKS
IN THE CITY OF BOLIVAR.”**

Filed for public inspection on January 23rd, 2026

First reading _____ In Full; __X__ By Title on January 27th, 2026.

Second reading _____ In Full; __X__ By Title on January 27th, 2026.

Vote by the Board of Aldermen on January 27th, 2026:

__6__ Aye; __0__ Nay; __0__ Abstain; __1__ Absent

__X__ Approved by the Mayor on January 27th, 2026.

_____ Vetoed by the Mayor on _____.

Board of Aldermen Vote to Override Veto on _____.

_____ Aye; _____ Nay; _____ Abstain

Bill Effective Date: January 27th, 2026.

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Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Bolivar, Missouri, as follows:

Section I: The City Code for the City of Bolivar, Missouri is hereby amended by amending Subsection (C)(1) of Section 225.570, regarding sale or use of fireworks in the City of Bolivar, with such amended sub-section to be read as follows:

“Section 225.570 – Sale or Use of Fireworks.

C. Exceptions – Use of Fireworks.

1. During the fireworks season in each year in all areas of the City, except the central business district as defined in Section **300.010** of the Code of the City of Bolivar, an individual may possess and use, in a careful and prudent manner, consumer fireworks, pursuant to the following conditions:

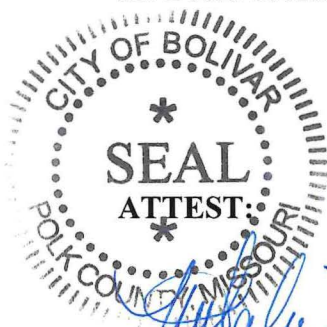
- a. The use of fireworks within the City of Bolivar shall be allowed on and around the Fourth of July Holiday in each calendar year on the specific dates and times as designated by the Chief of the Fire Department. The Chief of the Fire Department will designate the approved fireworks schedule in writing on or before June 1 of each calendar year. The designated fireworks schedule for each calendar year will be posted at City Hall and will be published in the local Bolivar newspaper; and will be available for inspection on the City of Bolivar’s website.
- b. The use of fireworks within the City of Bolivar shall be allowed on December 31 from ten o’clock p.m. until one o’clock a.m. (1:00 a.m.);
- c. No individual under the age of eighteen (18) years shall use fireworks without another adult of age providing supervision;
- d. No fireworks are allowed in any City park, unless through the provisions of subsection (C)(2) of this Section 225.570;
- e. Fireworks are not allowed for use within three-hundred (300) feet from any service station; or five-hundred (500) feet from any fireworks stand, public gathering, or public building;
- f. Fireworks are not allowed for use on real estate property zoned and designated as commercial property except in compliance with subsection (C)(2) of this Section;

- g. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, no fireworks designated as “lanterns” or “floating lanterns” or “sky lanterns” or “flying lanterns” or any similar names are allowed for use within the City of Bolivar. For purposes of this section, the terms “lanterns,” “floating lanterns,” “sky lanterns,” or “flying lanterns” refer to any airborne lanterns that use a flame or heat to cause the lantern to rise into the air; and
- h. Any burn ban issued by the City of Bolivar Fire Department, regardless of the day of the year and regardless of whether the burn ban would encroach on the designated fireworks schedule as set forth in the foregoing subsections, shall also apply to the use of fireworks; and

A person commits the offense of unlawful use of fireworks if he/she knowingly uses fireworks in violation of any one or more of the conditions identified in this section above.”

Section II: In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect, to the extent the remainder can be given effect without the invalid portion.

Section III: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor.



Michael Stephens

 Michael Stephens, Mayor

Natalie Scrivner

 Natalie Scrivner, Deputy City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Paula Henderson, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Bolivar, Missouri; that the foregoing Ordinance No. _____ was adopted by the Board or Aldermen and thereafter approved by the Mayor and became effective on _____, 2026; and that said Ordinance remains in full force and effect, having never been altered, amended nor repealed.

 Natalie Scrivner, Deputy City Clerk