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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

SUBJECT: Fireworks Ban Amendments

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE POULSBO MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY CITY COUNCIL INTENT RELATED TO PERMITTED FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Poulsbo City Council recently adopted Ordinance No. 2025-24 to prohibit the transfer, sale, possession, use, and discharge of consumer fireworks within the City of Poulsbo; and

WHEREAS, edits are needed to clarify the Poulsbo City Council's intent to only allow display fireworks pursuant to a valid permit and prohibit all other fireworks within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, City staff have prepared code amendments to Poulsbo Municipal Code Chapter 8.20 to clarify and align the code with City Council's intent; and

WHEREAS, the Poulsbo City Council has determined that the proposed code is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare, and therefore has determined to adopt this ordinance as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The Poulsbo City Council adopts the foregoing recitals as findings in support of the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 2. PMC Section 8.20.020 Repealed and replaced. PMC Section 8.20.020 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows: It is unlawful for any person to

sell, use, transfer, discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks within the city of Poulsbo, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to the following activities:

A. Duly authorized public displays, when authorized by a state license and city permit, pursuant to RCW 70.77.260 and PMC 8.20.030;

B. Special effects for entertainment media, when authorized by a state license and city permit, pursuant to RCW 70.77.535 and PMC 8.20.060; and

C. Transportation of consumer fireworks through city limits so long as: (i) the fireworks were lawfully purchased outside of the Poulsbo city limits, as shown by a valid receipt designating the location of the purchase, and (ii) there is no intent to use or discharge the fireworks within Poulsbo city limits.

Section 3. PMC Section 8.20.030 Amended. Poulsbo Municipal Code Section 8.20.030 hereby amended to read as follows (~~strikethroughs~~ indicate deletions, underlining indicates additions):

A. Except as allowed under this section, the transfer, sale, possession, use, or discharge of display fireworks is prohibited within the city.

B. Permit—Required. No person shall make a public display of fireworks ~~do any of the following acts~~ in the city of Poulsbo without having first obtained and having in full force and effect a valid permit to do so.:

1. ~~Manufacture, import, possess or sell any fireworks, including agricultural and wildlife fireworks, at wholesale or retail; provided, however, that no permit is required for the possession or use of consumer fireworks lawfully purchased at retail;~~

~~2. Make a public display of fireworks; or~~

~~3. Transport fireworks, except as a permittee or as a public carrier delivering to a Permittee.~~

~~i. Except as authorized by a permit issued under this chapter, no person may discharge display fireworks at any place.~~

~~ii. No person less than eighteen years of age may apply for or receive a permit under this chapter.~~

C. Permit application—Contents.

1. Any person desiring to make a public display of fireworks ~~do any act set forth in Section 8.20.040~~ shall first make written application for a permit to the ~~fire chief~~ City Clerk's Office. The application for a permit shall be signed by the applicant. If the application is made by a partnership, it shall be signed by each partner of the partnership, and if the application is made by a corporation, it shall be signed by an officer of the corporation and ~~bear the seal of the corporation~~ article of corporation shall be submitted.

2. The application shall be in such form as the ~~fire chief~~ building official shall require and shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

i. The true name, address and telephone number of the applicant;

ii. A statement by the applicant that he or she is over the age of eighteen years of age;

iii. A statement as to whether the applicant possesses a license issued by the Washington State Patrol, acting through the director of fire protection, to do the act for which the permit is sought, and the current status of the license;

iv. The proposed location at which the applicant intends to perform the act for which the permit is sought;

v. Such other information as the ~~fire chief~~ building official may require in order to make the investigation and report required by Section ~~8.20.070~~ 8.20.030(G).

D. Permit application—~~Fee—Bond~~. 1. All applications for permits pursuant to this chapter shall be accompanied by a non-refundable permit fee as set forth in Section 3.12.040(M). The city council finds that this charge is necessary to cover the legitimate administrative costs for permit processing and inspection.

~~2. The applicant shall post a cash bond pursuant to Section 3.12.040(M) which cash bond shall be conditioned upon the prompt removal of the temporary stand and the cleaning up of all debris from the site by the tenth day of July of each year for the Fourth of July holiday or the fifth day of January of the following year for the New Year's Eve celebration. Failure to remove the temporary stand and clean up all debris from the site within the required time frame shall cause the bond to be forfeited to the city of Poulsbo.~~

E. Permit application—Insurance. All applications for permits pursuant to this chapter shall be accompanied by a certificate of insurance coverage evidencing the carrying of a comprehensive liability insurance policy as required by the City's Special Event Permitting worksheet, with the following minimum coverage limits:

~~1. For bodily injuries: Not less than five hundred thousand dollars per person and two million dollars per event; and~~

~~2. For property damage: Not less than five hundred thousand dollars per event.~~

~~3. The general liability policy required by this section shall name the city of Pousbo as an additional insured, must be in full force and effect for the duration of the permit, and shall include a provision prohibiting cancellation of the policy without thirty days' written notice to the city. The policy shall be in a form approved by the city attorney.~~

F. Permit application—Filing time. Applications for public display of fireworks shall be made in writing at least ~~ten~~ ninety days in advance of the proposed display.

G. Permit application—Investigation report. It shall be the duty of the ~~fire chief~~ building official to make an investigation and prepare a report of ~~his~~ their findings and conclusions for or against the issuance of the permit, together with ~~his~~ their reasons therefore. In the case of an application for a permit for a public display of fireworks, the ~~fire chief~~ building official shall, in addition to any other investigation, make an investigation as

to whether such display as proposed will be of such a character and will be so located that it may be hazardous to property or dangerous to any person.

H. Permit—State-issued license required. No permit shall be issued unless the person applying therefore has first obtained and has in full force and effect a valid license issued by the State Fire Marshal, pursuant to Chapter 70.77 RCW, to do the particular act or acts for which the permit is sought.

I. Permit—Issuance decision. The ~~fire chief~~ building official shall have the power, based upon the findings of ~~his or her~~ their investigation, to grant or deny any application for a permit, or to subject the same to such reasonable conditions, if any, as ~~he or she~~ they shall prescribe.

J. Public display—Permit—Nontransferable.

1. If a permit for the public display of fireworks is granted, the sale, possession and use of fireworks for the public display is lawful for that purpose only.

2. No such permit granted shall be transferable.

K. Public display—Supervision. Every public display of fireworks shall be handled or supervised by a pyrotechnic operator approved by the ~~fire chief~~ Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau.

Section 4. **PMC 8.20.070 Repealed.** PMC Section 8.20.070 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 5. **PMC 8.20.090 Repealed.** PMC Section 8.20.090 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

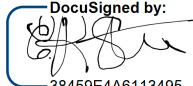
Violation – Penalty. Any person violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this chapter which does not also constitute a violation of state law shall be guilty of a civil infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$200.00 for second offense and for each offense within a three-year period. Any violation of this chapter which also constitutes a violation of state law shall be punishable under state law penalties. In addition, any fireworks that are involved in the violation may be confiscated.

Section 6. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney, the city clerk and/or code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, Ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.


Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon the effective date of Ordinance No. 2025-24.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR, EDWARD R. STERN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Signed by:


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04
of the City of Poulsbo, Washington

On the 15th day of April, 2026, the City Council of the City of Poulsbo, passed Ordinance No. 2026-04. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, UPDATING CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE POULSBO MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY INTENT RELATED TO PERMITTED FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2026.

Signed by: 
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CITY CLERK, RHANNON FERNANDEZ