

Ordinance NO. 19-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 17-03

WHEREAS, The City of Decatur has determined that it has a need to amend Ordinance 17-03, the city's fireworks ordinance, to read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. That any and all other Ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in shooting fireworks, or discharge any other explosives in the city.

SECTION 3. That consumer fireworks may be discharged on private property on the dates of July 3th, 4th, and 5th, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., and on December 31st from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on January 1st. However the fire chief shall have the authority to prohibit the use of fireworks on those dates due to fire danger and weather conditions.

SECTION 4. That organized fireworks displays may be conducted pursuant to a city permit issued by the fire chief upon application and payment of a fee of \$100.00. Fireworks may be sold commercially only pursuant to a city permit issued upon application and payment of a fee of \$100.00. Commercial sellers of fireworks shall be subject to inspection by the fire chief or other designated official at any time during the dates listed within Section 6 below.

SECTION 5. That the display, sale, and use of consumer fireworks may be prohibited by the fire chief at any time based on fire danger and weather conditions.

SECTION 6. Commercial sales of fireworks shall be permitted within city limits from June 15 until July 9 and from December 21st to December 31st of each year. Any person, corporation, company, or any other entity conducting commercial sales shall possess all licenses and permits required by any Arkansas or federal law or regulation, including but not limited to the license required by A.C.A. Sec. 20-22-707.

SECTION 7. That violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon conviction there shall be a fine imposed of no more than \$500.00.

SECTION 8. The sale of fireworks is prohibited in Agricultural and Residential zoned areas.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Decatur,
ARKANSAS, on this 14th day of October, 2019.

Robert L. Sharp
Mayor

Ann Williams
City Clerk