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**CHAPTER 1501**  
**Ohio Fire Code**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to regulate elevators, stairways and fire escapes - see Ohio R.C. 715.26

Fire limits - see Ohio R.C. 737.28

Inspection of buildings for fire and safety - see Ohio R.C. 715.26; 3737.14; 3737.22

**1501.01 FIRE LIMITS ESTABLISHED.**

A district designated as “fire limits” for all legal purposes including administration of the Ohio Building Code shall include the City limits of the City of Marysville, Ohio and all geographic territories outside the City limits covered by Fire Contract between the City of Marysville and Township Trustees of the respective townships.  
(Ord. 39-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**1501.02 ADOPTION; RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

(a) There is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of Marysville, Ohio, and incorporated by reference as if set out in length herein, for the purpose of prescribing regulations for the safeguard of life and property from hazards of fire and explosion, that certain code designated as The Ohio Fire Code, (most recent edition) published by the International Code Council (International Fire Code).

(b) The Director of Administration may adopt such regulations as necessary to implement the Fire Code of the City of Marysville. The rules and regulations so prescribed shall become effective thirty days after receipt by the Clerk of Council to provide time for proper public dissemination and notification of Council members.  
(Ord. 39-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**1501.03 ENFORCEMENT BY FIRE CHIEF.**

The Fire Code shall be enforced by the Chief of the Division of Fire of the City who shall serve as the "Fire Official" thereunder. The Chief may delegate his duties under the Fire Code to a State Certified Fire Safety Inspector.  
(Ord. 39-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**1501.04 FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS.**

(a) There is hereby established a Board of Appeals which shall hear and decide upon appeals registered by any person or organization aggrieved by any decision or interpretation by the fire official made under the provisions of this chapter or the Fire Code. This board shall act as delineated in Section 108 and A101 of the Ohio Fire Code. The Board of Appeals is empowered to affirm, modify, revoke or vacate any order and/or application. Unless such order or application is revoked or vacated by the Board of Appeals it shall remain in force and be complied with by the appealing party.

(b) The five appointees provided for in Section A101 of the Ohio Fire Code shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. The original five appointees shall be appointed for terms of one, two, three, and four years, beginning June 1, 2006. Subsequent appointments shall be for the term of four years. No member shall be reappointed to serve more than two consecutive full terms. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by appointments for the unexpired term.

(c) The Fire Code Board of Appeals shall meet at least annually, within 10 days after notice of appeal has been received, and otherwise as needed. The Board of Appeals shall promulgate such rules as needed for its own procedures, utilizing Section A101 of the Ohio Fire Code as a general guideline.

(d) Application for appeals shall be submitted to the Fire Code Board of Appeals at the office of the Director of Administration.

(e) The Fire Code Board of Appeals shall meet and hear matters of appeal within ten days of application thereto, and shall render a decision within thirty days thereafter.  
(Ord. 39-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**1501.05 PERMITS AND FEES.**

The following permits shall be obtained as specified and the fees therefor paid to the Director of Finance, before construction, servicing, operation, installation, use or occupancy for any of the items listed. In general, fees are required for any construction, modification or alteration that requires State approved plans. The specific fees are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit fee</u>
New business occupying in an existing building	\$25.00
New construction, physical alteration structure	\$50.00
Fire suppression system plan review and inspection	\$50.00

The above fees are payable for multi-family buildings containing four or more residential units, all commercial and industrial structures.  
(Ord. 39-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**1501.06 BUILDING PLAN SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL.**

(a) Two copies of building plans are required to be submitted to the local fire marshal before building or an addition to a building is constructed or erected, before a building is altered, relocated, or building equipment is installed therein, or there is a change of use. This section apply to all buildings except:

- (1) Single-family, two family and three family dwellings, or their accessory buildings.
- (2) Buildings owned by and used for a function of the United States Government.
- (3) Buildings which are incidental to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which such buildings are located.

(b) The plans submitted shall conform to plans approved by a State Agency.  
(Ord. 39-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**1501.99 STOP WORK ORDER, VIOLATION AND PENALTY.**

(a) Penalty. Whoever violates any provision of the Fire Code and/or the Ohio Fire Code as adopted therein or violates any order made thereunder, or builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, from which no appeal has been taken, or who fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Appeals or by a Court of competent jurisdiction, within the time filed herein, shall severally, for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse violation or permit it to continue and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time. When not otherwise specified, each ten days prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense. The application of penalty or penalties shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

(b) Stop Work Order Issuance.

- (1) Any person charged with the duty of enforcing this chapter or the rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, may issue a stop work order whenever he finds, after inspection, situations or circumstances that do not comply with the provisions of this chapter, or the rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The effect of such order shall be limited to the matters specified therein.
- (2) Every adjudication order shall specify what situations, circumstances or procedures are necessary for the same to comply with this chapter.
- (3) Upon the issuance of any order provided for herein, the person receiving such order shall cease the work or activity identified in the order until such time as the appeal provided for in accordance with provisions of Section 1501.04 and all appeals from such hearings have been completed or the order issued herein has been released.

(c) Noncompliance with Order; Demolition. If any person fails to comply with an order of an officer under any section of the Ohio Fire Code as adopted herein, from which no appeal has been taken or with the order as finally affirmed or modified by the Board of Appeals or by the court in the event of an appeal, within the time fixed in such order or order of affirmance or modification, then such officer may cause such building or premises to be repaired, torn down, demolished, materials removed and all dangerous conditions remedied, at the expense of such person. If such person within thirty days thereafter, fails, neglects or refuses to repay the officer the expense thereby incurred by him, such officer shall certify such expenses, together with a twenty-five percent (25%) penalty thereon to the County Auditor. The Auditor shall enter such expense on the tax duplicates of the County as a special charge against the real estate on which the building is or was situated and the same shall be collected as other taxes, and when collected, shall together with the penalty thereon be refunded to such officer.  
(Ord. 39-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**CHAPTER 1502**  
**Fire Department Repository Units**

<b>1502.01</b>	<b>Installation and maintenance.</b>	<b>1502.04</b>	<b>Rules and regulations.</b>
<b>1502.02</b>	<b>Keys required.</b>	<b>1502.05</b>	<b>Update to keys and information.</b>
<b>1502.03</b>	<b>Access to Fire Department Repository Unit.</b>	<b>1502.06</b>	<b>Limitation of liability.</b>

**1502.01 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE.**

(a) The owner or person in control of the following types of building shall install and maintain a Fire Department Repository Unit of a type approved by the Chief:

- (1) Any multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units.
- (2) Any non-residential building where a fire detection or suppression system is monitored by an alarm company or has an external audible alarm.
- (3) Any building or facility containing a quantity of hazardous materials which would require compliance with Title III of SARA (Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act).

(b) Persons or entities who own existing buildings or structures which are subject to the requirements of this chapter shall have one year from the effective date of this section to comply with the requirements. Persons or entities who construct buildings or structures which would be subject to the requirements of this chapter shall comply with the requirements at the time of construction. (Ord. 83-00. Passed 10-26-00.)

**1502.02 KEYS REQUIRED.**

The owner or person in control of buildings or facilities described in Section 1502.01 required to have a Fire Department Repository Unit shall cause to be placed in such Repository Unit a key to the following areas:

- (a) Locked points of access in the exterior of the building or facility;
- (b) Locked points of access to common areas, such as hallways or utility rooms, contained within such buildings or facilities;
- (c) Locked mechanical rooms;
- (d) Locked electrical rooms;
- (e) All other locked areas, other than individual apartments or rented rooms, as directed by the Chief. (Ord. 83-00. Passed 10-26-00.)

**1502.03 ACCESS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPOSITORY UNIT.**

The owner or person in control of any building or facility described in Section 1502.01 required to have a Fire Department Repository Unit shall be present, himself or through his agent, during access to such Repository Unit by the Fire Department except when the Fire Department has responded to an emergency at the property. (Ord. 83-00. Passed 10-26-00.)

**1502.04 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

The Chief may establish rules and regulations for the placement and maintenance of Fire Department Repository Units within the City, including approved types of Fire Department Repository Units. Proposed rules and regulations shall be submitted to the City Council and filed with the Clerk of Council and shall become effective sixty (60) days after approval by the Mayor.

(Ord. 83-00. Passed 10-26-00.)

**1502.05 UPDATE OF KEYS AND INFORMATION.**

The owner or person in control of any building or facility described in Section 1502.01 and required to have a Fire Department Repository Unit shall:

- (a) Provide keys capable of access to such Fire Department Repository Unit at all times to the Fire Department. (Ord. 83-00. Passed 10-26-00.)

**1502.06 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.**

The City assumes no liability for any of the following:

- (a) Any defects in the operation of the repository unit, of any of the keys contained within such repository unit or otherwise provided to the City;
- (b) The failure or neglect of any owner or person in control of a building or facility required to have a repository unit to provide access to the repository unit; or
- (c) The security of any property required to have a repository unit due to access to the repository unit by any person. (Ord. 83-00. Passed 10-26-00.)

**CHAPTER 1503  
Fire Hydrants**

<b>1503.01</b>	<b>Blocking fire hydrants and Fire Department connections.</b>	<b>1503.04</b>	<b>Yard systems.</b>
<b>1503.02</b>	<b>Hydrant use approval.</b>	<b>1503.05</b>	<b>Maintenance of fire suppression equipment.</b>
<b>1503.03</b>	<b>Location or relocation; approval.</b>	<b>1503.06</b>	<b>Public water system.</b>
		<b>1503.99</b>	<b>Penalty.</b>

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Parking near fire hydrant - see TRAF. 351.03(d)  
Criminal mischief - see GEN. OFF. 541.04  
Subdivision water supply - see P. & Z. 1109.08

**1503.01 BLOCKING FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS.**

(a) No person shall obscure from view, damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any Fire Department connection for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and Fire Department connections that are located on public or private streets and access lanes or on private property.

(b) If upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation, obstructions or encroachments are not removed, the Fire Marshal shall proceed to remove the same. Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the Municipal treasury on certificate of the Fire Marshal and with the approval of the chief administrative official; and the Law Director shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs.  
(Ord. 7-81. Passed 2-26-81.)

**1503.02 HYDRANT USE APPROVAL.**

A person shall not use or operate any fire hydrant intended for use by the Fire Department for fire suppression purposes. This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by, and authorized to make such use by, the water company having jurisdiction.

(Ord. 7-81. Passed 2-26-81.)

**1503.03 LOCATION OR RELOCATION: APPROVAL.**

The Fire Marshal shall recommend to the Director of Administration and the water company the location or relocation of fire hydrants deemed necessary to provide adequate fire flows to those areas under his jurisdiction. A fire hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the Fire Marshal and the water company.  
(Ord. 7-81. Passed 2-26-81.)

**1503.04 YARD SYSTEMS.**

All new and existing oil storage plants, lumber yards, amusement or exhibition parks and educational or institutional complexes and similar occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards, and which are located more than 150 feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system shall be provided with properly placed fire hydrants. Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying fire flows as required by the Fire Marshal in accordance with accepted engineering practices. The Fire Marshal shall designate and approve the number and location of fire hydrants. The Fire Marshal may require the installation of sufficient fire hose and equipment housed in accordance with the approved rules and may require the establishment of a trained fire brigade when the hazards involved require such measures. Private hydrants shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the Fire Marshal and the water company, where the fire system is connected directly to the public water supply.  
(Ord. 7-81. Passed 2-26-81.)

**1503.05 MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT.**

A person shall not obstruct, remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or fire appliance required to be installed or maintained under the provisions of the Ohio Fire Code except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training or testing purposes, recharging or making necessary repairs, or when permitted by the Fire Marshal. Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or re-installed as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and non-approved fire appliances or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the Fire Marshal.  
(Ord. 49-06. Passed 6-22-06.)

**1503.06 PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.**

The public water distribution system shall be defined as that of the Ohio Water Service company, or its successor.  
(Ord. 7-81. Passed 2-26-81.)

**1503.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates Sections 1503.01 through 1503.05 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(Ord. 7-81. Passed 2-26-81.)

**CHAPTER 1511  
Open Burning**

<b>1511.01</b>	<b>Definitions.</b>	<b>1511.04</b>	<b>Permission and notice to open burn.</b>
<b>1511.02</b>	<b>Relations to other prohibitions.</b>	<b>1511.05</b>	<b>Bonfires.</b>
<b>1511.03</b>	<b>Open burning in restricted areas.</b>	<b>1511.99</b>	<b>Penalty.</b>

**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Air pollution control - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 3704  
 Permit to burn construction debris - see Ohio R.C. 3704.11(C)  
 Spreading fire through negligence - see Ohio R.C. 3737.62  
 Open burning - see OAC Ch. 3745

**1511.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in Chapter 3745-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code and this chapter:

- (a) "Agricultural waste" means any matter generated by crop, horticultural, or livestock production practices, and includes such items as woody debris and plant matter from stream flooding, bags, cartons, structural materials, and landscape wastes that are generated in agricultural activities, but does not include land clearing waste; buildings; garbage; dead animals; motor vehicles and parts thereof; nor economic poisons and containers thereof, unless the manufacturer has identified open burning as a safe disposal procedure.
- (b) "Economic poisons" include but are not restricted to pesticides such as insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, miticides, nematocides and fumigants; herbicides; seed disinfectants; and defoliant.
- (c) "Garbage" means any matter resulting from the handling, processing, preparation, cooking and consumption of food or food products.
- (d) "Landscape waste" means any plant matter, except garbage, including trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, yard trimmings and crop residues.
- (e) "Land clearing waste" means plant matter which is removed from land, including plant matter removed from stream banks during projects involving more than one property owner, for the purpose of rendering the land useful for residential, commercial or industrial development.

- (f) "Ohio EPA" means the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director or agencies delegated authority by such Director pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3704.03 or the Chief of any Ohio Environmental Protection Agency district office.
- (g) "Open burning" means the burning of any materials wherein air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney. Open burning includes the burning of any refuse or salvageable material in any device not subject to or designed specifically to comply with the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code 3745-17-09 or 3745-17-10.
- (h) "Residential waste" means any matter, including landscape wastes, generated on a one-, two- or three-family residence as a result of residential activities, but not including garbage.
- (i) "Restricted area" means the area within the boundary of any municipal corporation established in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the Ohio Revised Code, plus a zone extending 1,000 feet beyond the boundaries of any such municipal corporation having a population of 1,000 to 10,000 persons and a zone extending one mile beyond any such municipal corporation having a population of 10,000 persons or more according to the latest federal census.
- (j) "Unrestricted area" means all areas outside the boundaries of a restricted area as defined in subsection (i) hereof.  
(OAC 3745-19-01)
- (k) Bonfire means an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.  
(OAC 1301:7-7-04)

#### **1511.02 RELATIONS TO OTHER PROHIBITIONS.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-19, no open burning shall be conducted in an area where an air alert, warning or emergency under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-25 is in effect.

(b) No provisions of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-19, permitting open burning, and no permission to open burn granted by the Ohio EPA, shall exempt any person from compliance with any section of the Ohio Revised Code, or any regulation of any State department, or any local ordinance or regulation dealing with open burning.  
(OAC 3745-19-02)

#### **1511.03 OPEN BURNING IN RESTRICTED AREAS.**

(a) No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning in a restricted area except as provided in subsections (b) to (d) hereof or in Ohio R.C. 3704.11.

(b) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes without notification to or permission from the Ohio EPA:

- (1) Cooking for human consumption;
- (2) Heating tar, welding, acetylene torches, highway safety flares, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers, smudge pots and similar occupational needs.

Fires allowed by subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) hereof shall not be used for waste disposal purposes and shall be of minimum size sufficient for their intended purpose; the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.

(c) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes with prior notification to the Ohio EPA in accordance with Section 1511.04(b):

- (1) Prevention or control of disease or pests, with written or verbal verification to the Ohio EPA from the local health department, cooperative extension service, Ohio Department of Agriculture, or U.S. Department of Agriculture, that open burning is the only appropriate disposal method.
- (2) Ceremonial fires provided the following conditions are met:
  - A. The ceremonial fires shall be less than five feet by five feet in dimension and shall burn no longer than three hours;
  - B. The ceremonial fires shall not be used for waste disposal purposes; and
  - C. The fuel shall be chosen so as to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.
- (3) Disposal of agricultural waste generated on the premises if the following conditions are observed:
  - A. The fire is set only when atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants;
  - B. The fire does not create a visibility hazard on the roadways, railroad tracks, or air fields;
  - C. The fire is located at a point on the premises no less than one thousand feet from any inhabited building not located on said premises;
  - D. The wastes are stacked and dried to provide the best practicable condition for efficient burning; and
  - E. No materials are burned which contain rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum products.

(d) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes upon receipt of written permission from the Ohio EPA in accordance with Section 1511.04(a) provided that any conditions specified in the permission are followed:

- (1) Disposal of ignitable or explosive materials where the Ohio EPA determines that there is no practical alternate method of disposal;
  - (2) Instruction in methods of fire fighting or for research in the control of fires;
  - (3) In emergency or other extraordinary circumstances for any purpose determined to be necessary by the Ohio EPA; and
  - (4) Recognized horticultural, silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices.
  - (5) Fires and/or pyrotechnic effects, for purposes other than waste disposal, set as part of commercial film-making or video production activities for motion pictures and television.
- (OAC 3745-19-03)

#### **1511.04 PERMISSION AND NOTICE TO OPEN BURN.**

(a) Permission.

- (1) An application for permission to open burn shall be submitted in writing at least ten days before the fire is to be set. It shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the Ohio EPA.

- (2) Except as provided in subsection (a)(6) hereof, such applications shall contain, as a minimum, information regarding:
    - A. The purpose of the proposed burning;
    - B. The nature of quantities of material to be burned;
    - C. The date or dates when such burning will take place;
    - D. The location of the burning site, including a map showing distances to residences, populated areas, roadways, air fields, and other pertinent landmarks; and
    - E. The methods or actions which will be taken to reduce the emissions of air contaminants.
  - (3) Permission to open burn shall not be granted unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Ohio EPA that open burning is necessary to the public interest; will be conducted in a time, place, and manner as to minimize the emission of air contaminants; and will have no serious detrimental effect upon adjacent properties or the occupants thereof. The Ohio EPA may impose such conditions as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of Chapter 3745-19 of the Administrative Code.
  - (4) Except as provided in subsection (a)(6) hereof, permission to open burn must be obtained for each specific project. In emergencies where public health or environmental quality will be seriously threatened by delay while written permission is sought, the fire may be set with oral permission of the Ohio EPA.
  - (5) Violations of any of the conditions set forth by the Ohio EPA in granting permission to open burn shall be grounds for revocation of such permission and refusal to grant future permission, as well as for the imposition of other sanctions provided by law.
  - (6) The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal, may request permission to open burn on an annual basis for the purpose of training firefighters on pre-flashover conditions using the Ohio fire academy's mobile training laboratory at either the academy or at other training sites in Ohio. The annual application required pursuant to subsection (a)(1) hereof shall contain information as required in subsection (a)(2) hereof, except the information required in subsections (a)(2)C. and (a)(2)D. hereof need not be provided unless it is available at the time of submittal of the application. The academy shall contact the appropriate Ohio EPA district office or local air agency at least five days before each training session of the date or dates when the training session will take place and its location.
- (b) Notification.
- (1) Notification shall be submitted in writing at least ten days before the fire is to be set. It shall be in such form and contain such information as shall be required by the Ohio EPA.
  - (2) Such notification shall inform the Ohio EPA regarding:
    - A. The purpose of the proposed burning;
    - B. The nature and quantities of materials to be burned;
    - C. The date or dates when such burning will take place; and
    - D. The location of the burning site.

- (3) The Ohio EPA, after receiving notification, may determine that the open burning is not allowed under Chapter 3745-19 of the Administrative Code and the Ohio EPA shall notify the applicant to this effect.  
(OAC 3745-19-05)

**1511.05 BONFIRES.**

(a) Approval Required. A bonfire shall be allowed after obtaining approval from the Fire Official.

An application for a bonfire shall be submitted in writing at least ten days before the fire is set and shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the Fire Official. All permits shall be requested by and issued to the owner of the land upon which the bonfire is to be kindled.

(b) Prohibition. The Fire Official shall prohibit a bonfire that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The Fire Official shall order the extinguishment, by the permit holder or the Fire Department, of any bonfire that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

(c) Location. The location for any bonfire shall not be less than 50 feet (15240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15240 mm) of any structure. Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that such fires are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from any structure.

(d) Attendance. Any bonfire shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

(e) Bonfire Size and Duration. A bonfire shall not be more than 5 feet (1524 mm) by 5 feet (1524 mm) by 5 feet (1524 mm) in dimension and shall not burn longer than 3 hours. The maximum size and duration of a bonfire shall not be increased by the Fire Official unless it is determined that fire safety requirements of the situation and the desirable duration of burn warrant the increase.

(f) Material. Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.  
(OAC 1301:7-7-04)

**1511.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.



**CHAPTER 1519**  
**Fireworks**

<b>1519.01</b>	<b>Definitions.</b>	<b>1519.04</b>	<b>Possession, sale or discharge prohibited; exceptions.</b>
<b>1519.02</b>	<b>Public exhibition permit required; fee; bond; records.</b>	<b>1519.05</b>	<b>Application.</b>
<b>1519.03</b>	<b>Unlawful conduct by exhibitor.</b>	<b>1519.99</b>	<b>Penalty.</b>

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Manufacturers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.06(F)  
 Wholesalers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.19(G)  
 Arrests, seizure of fireworks by certified fire safety inspector - see Ohio R.C. 3743.68  
 Conflict of Fire Marshal's rules with rules of Ohio Board of Building Standards - see Ohio R.C. 3781.11(D)

**1519.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Beer" and "intoxicating liquor" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4301.01.
- (b) "Booby trap" means a small tube that has a string protruding from both ends, that has a friction-sensitive composition and that is ignited by pulling the ends of the string.
- (c) "Cigarette load" means a small wooden peg that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that is ignited in a cigarette.
- (d)
  - (1) "1.3 G fireworks" means display fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation as expressed using the designation "Division 1.3" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.
  - (2) "1.4 G fireworks" means consumer fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation as expressed using the designation "Division 1.4" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.
- (e) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.

- (f) "Fireworks" means any composition or device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration or detonation, except ordinary matches and except as provided in Section 1519.05.
- (g) "Licensed exhibitor of fireworks" or "licensed exhibitor" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55.
- (h) "Licensed manufacturer of fireworks" or "licensed manufacturer" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08.
- (i) "Licensed wholesaler of fireworks" or "licensed wholesaler" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21.
- (j) "Novelties and trick noisemakers" include the following items:
  - (1) Devices that produce a small report intended to surprise the user, including, but not limited to, booby traps, cigarette loads, party poppers and snappers;
  - (2) Snakes or glow worms;
  - (3) Smoke devices;
  - (4) Trick matches.
- (k) "Party popper" means a small plastic or paper item that contains not more than sixteen milligrams of friction-sensitive explosive composition, that is ignited by pulling string protruding from the item, and from which paper streamers are expelled when the item is ignited.
- (l) "Railroad" means any railway or railroad that carries freight or passengers for hire, but does not include auxiliary tracks, spurs and sidings installed and primarily used in serving a mine, quarry or plant.
- (m) "Smoke device" means a tube or sphere that contains pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.
- (n) "Snake or glow worm" means a device that consists of a pressed pellet of pyrotechnic composition that produces a large, snake-like ash upon burning, which ash expands in length as the pellet burns.
- (o) "Snapper" means a small, paper-wrapped item that contains a minute quantity of explosive composition coated on small bits of sand, and that, when dropped, implodes.
- (p) "Trick match" means a kitchen or book match that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that, upon ignition, produces a small report or a shower of sparks.
- (q) "Wire sparkler" means a sparkler consisting of a wire or stick coated with a non-explosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition and that contains no more than one hundred grams of this mixture.  
(ORC 3743.01)

**1519.02 PUBLIC EXHIBITION PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE; BOND;  
RECORDS.**

(a) A licensed exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition within the Municipality shall apply for approval to conduct the exhibition to the Fire Chief and from the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

The required approval shall be evidenced by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, signing a permit for the exhibition, the form for which shall be prescribed by the State Fire Marshal. Any exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition may obtain a copy of the form from the Fire Marshal or, if it is available, from the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

(b) Before a permit is signed and issued to a licensed exhibitor of fireworks, the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall inspect the premises on which the exhibition will take place and shall determine that, in fact, the applicant for the permit is a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. Each applicant shall show the applicant's license as an exhibitor of fireworks to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer.

The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall give approval to conduct a public fireworks exhibition only if satisfied, based on the inspection, that the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted allow the exhibitor to comply with the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) and that the applicant is, in fact, a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, may inspect the premises immediately prior to the exhibition to determine if the exhibitor has complied with the rules, and may revoke the permit for noncompliance with the rules.

(c) The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the applicant pays a permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus any necessary costs of investigation of the applicant and of inspecting the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted.

Each exhibitor shall provide an indemnity bond in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000), with surety satisfactory to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and to Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, conditioned for the payment of all final judgments that may be rendered against the exhibitor on account of injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition, or proof of insurance coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for liability arising from injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition. The Legislative Authority may require the exhibitor to provide an indemnity bond or proof of insurance coverage in amounts greater than those required by this subsection. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the exhibitor provides the bond or proof of the insurance coverage required by this subsection.

- (d) (1) Each permit for a fireworks exhibition issued by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall contain a distinct number, designate the Municipality, and identify the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer who will be present before, during, and after the exhibition, where appropriate. A copy of each permit issued shall be forwarded by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, issuing it to the Fire Marshal, who shall keep a record of the permits received. A permit is not transferable or assignable.

(2) The Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall keep a record of issued permits for fireworks exhibitions. In this list, the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall list the name of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's license number, the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted, the date and time of the exhibition and the number of the permit issued to the exhibitor for the exhibition.

(e) The governing authority having jurisdiction in the location where an exhibition is to take place shall require that a certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer be present before, during, and after the exhibition, and shall require the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer to inspect the premises where the exhibition is to take place and determine whether the exhibition is in compliance with this chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 3743. (ORC 3743.54)

#### **1519.03 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY EXHIBITOR.**

(a) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall fail to comply with the applicable requirements of the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) or to comply with Divisions (C) and (D) of that section.

(b) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall conduct a fireworks exhibition unless a permit has been secured for the exhibition pursuant to Section 1519.02 or if a permit so secured is revoked by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement official or a designee of such Police Chief or other similar law enforcement official pursuant to that section.

(c) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall acquire fireworks for use at a fireworks exhibition other than in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54 and 3743.55.

(d) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks or other person associated with the conduct of a fireworks exhibition shall have possession or control of, or be under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer or controlled substance while on the premises on which the exhibition is being conducted.

(e) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall permit an employee to assist the licensed exhibitor in conducting fireworks exhibitions unless the employee is registered with the Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. 3743.56. (ORC 3743.64)

#### **1519.04 POSSESSION, SALE OR DISCHARGE PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.**

(a) No person shall possess fireworks in this Municipality or shall possess for sale or sell fireworks in this Municipality, except a licensed manufacturer of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08, a licensed wholesaler of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21, a shipping permit holder as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.40, an out-of-state resident as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.44, a resident of this State as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.45, or a licensed exhibitor of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02 and except as provided in Section 1519.05.

(b) Except as provided in Section 1519.05 and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02, no person shall discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks in this Municipality.

(c) No person shall use in a theater or public hall, what is technically known as fireworks showers, or a mixture containing potassium chlorate and sulphur.

(d) No person shall sell fireworks of any kind to a person under eighteen years of age.

(e) No person shall advertise 1.4 G fireworks for sale. A sign located on a seller's premises identifying the seller as a seller of fireworks is not the advertising of fireworks for sale.

(f) No person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks. (ORC 3743.65)

#### **1519.05 APPLICATION.**

This chapter does not prohibit or apply to the following:

- (a) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use in emergency situations, of pyrotechnic signaling devices and distress signals for marine, aviation or highway use;
- (b) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of fuses, torpedoes or other signals necessary for the safe operation of railroads;
- (c) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of blank cartridges in connection with theaters or shows, or in connection with athletics as signals or for ceremonial purposes;
- (d) The manufacture for, the transportation, storage, possession or use by, or sale to the Armed Forces of the United States and the militia of this State of pyrotechnic devices;
- (e) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive material are used, provided that they are constructed so that a hand cannot come into contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion, or apply to the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of those caps;
- (f) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of novelties and trick noisemakers, auto burglar alarms or model rockets and model rocket motors designed, sold and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models;
- (g) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of wire sparklers.
- (h) The conduct of radio-controlled special effect exhibitions that use an explosive black powder charge of not more than one-quarter pound per charge, and that are not connected in any manner to propellant charges, provided that the exhibition complies with all of following:

- (1) No explosive aerial display is conducted in the exhibition;
- (2) The exhibition is separated from spectators by not less than two hundred feet;
- (3) The person conducting the exhibition complies with regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States Department of Transportation with respect to the storage and transport of the explosive black powder used in the exhibition.  
(ORC 3743.80)

**1519.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree for a first offense and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months or both. (ORC 3743.99(C))