

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS

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ORDINANCE NO. 90-25

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FIREWORKS

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ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS  
THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 1990

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Published in pamphlet form by authority of the President and  
Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, Illinois,

Sangamon County, this 27th day of June, 1990

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FIREWORKS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11-8-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the Village may regulate and prevent the use of fireworks;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, an ordinance containing a statement of its urgency in the preamble or body thereof may take effect immediately upon its passage provided that the corporate authorities by a vote of 2/3 of all the members then holding office so direct;

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village of Chatham hereby find, due among other things to a recent upsurge in the sale and use of fireworks within the corporate limits of the Village of Chatham, that passage of this Ordinance is urgent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

As used herein, the term "fireworks" shall mean and include any explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect of a temporary exhibitional nature by explosion, combustion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include black cartridges, toy cannons, in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, bombs, or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any explosive substance or containing

combustible substances producing visual effects: provided, however, that the term "fireworks" shall not include snake or blow worm pellets; smoke devices; trick noisemakers known as "party poppers", "booby traps", "snappers", "trick matches", "cigarette loads", and "auto burglar alarms"; sparklers; toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used, providing they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion; and toy pistol paper or plastic caps which contain less than twenty hundredths grains of explosive mixture the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.

SECTION 2. The offering for sale, exposing for sale and selling at retail of fireworks or giving or providing fireworks to persons under the age of 15 within corporate limits of the Village of Chatham, Illinois, are prohibited.

SECTION 3. The possession, use and explosion of fireworks within the corporate limits of the Village of Chatham are prohibited.

SECTION 4. Any person convicted of a violation of Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00.

SECTION 5. Any person convicted of a violation of Section 3 of this Ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$500.00.

SECTION 6. Each day a violation of this Ordinance continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 7. The findings in the preamble hereto are adopted. Pursuant to the urgency of this Ordinance, this Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval. The Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village of Chatham, Illinois.

Carl Oblinger  
CARL OBLINGER, VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Mary S. Elenberger  
DEPUTY Village Clerk

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

PASSED: 6-26-90

APPROVED: 6-26-90

ORDINANCE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS.  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON )

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois.

I do further certify that the Ordinance attached hereto is a full, true and exact copy of Ordinance No. 90-25 adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village on the 26th day of June, 1990, said Ordinance being entitled:

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I do further certify that prior to the making of this certificate, the said Ordinance was spread at length upon the permanent records of said Village, where it now appears and remains.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Village this 26th day of June, 1990.

*Mary S. Elenberger*  
DEPUTY Village Clerk

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