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COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE **REGULAR MEETING**

April 20, 2021

7:00 p.m. – By videoconference and Teleconference

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL:**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on):**
 - Discuss and Vote on Chapter 7, General Provisions:
 - Section 7-6 – Definitions – Gender.
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION:**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- March 16, 2021 – regular meeting of the ordinance committee

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- Discuss and Vote on Chapter 59A Housing: Equal Opportunity:
 - Section 59A-1.
 - Section 59A-2.
- Discuss and Vote on Chapter 60 Human Relations Commission:
 - Section 60-1.
 - Section 60-2.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- Discuss Consumer Fireworks sales permit process.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

3-16-21 draft minutes

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**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021
BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; David Heuvelman; Dominique Johnson;
Thomas Keegan; Thomas Livingston; Kadeem Roberts

STAFF: Brian Candela, Corporation Counsel; Anna Keegan, Acting
Director, Human Relations/Fair Rent

Ms. Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Ms. Shanahan called the Roll as indicated above.

2. PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on)

A public hearing was not scheduled for this evening.

3. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

A public hearing was not scheduled for this evening.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- January 19, 2021 – regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 2: Ms. Johnson reviewed the item and explained that the idea was raised to change the definition of gender so hat going should read - Ms. Johnson reviewed the item and explained that the idea was raised to change the definition of gender so that going

Page 3: She noted that what is proposed is used by the State of Connecticut should read She noted that what is proposed is nearest the language of the statutes used by the State of Connecticut.

Page 3: Ms. Johnson said she will separate the amendment and bring it back to the Committee next month should read Ms. Johnson said she will separate the two paragraphs of the amendment and bring it back to the Committee next month.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED**
**** MOTON PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss and Vote on Chapter 7, General Provisions:
 - o Section 7-6 – Definitions – Gender.

Ms. Shanahan said this item reviews the language they saw last month. She said the Committee will vote to move this item to a public hearing next month. Ms. Johnson said

Ordinance Committee

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Via Videoconference and Teleconference

this takes into account the feedback and separates the paragraphs for ease of understanding and use. The first paragraph is the State Statute language and the means to address the gender neutrality in the code. Ms. Shanahan explained the reason they did this was because otherwise they would have had to go through each Ordinance. Mr. Candela added that as they go through Ordinances in the future, they can make these changes. If this item moves to a public hearing, in order to save on the cost, they will only be amending the definition under Section 7-6, under the definition of gender.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 7,
GENERAL PROVISIONS: SECTION 7-6 – DEFINITIONS – GENDER TO
A PUBLIC HEARING**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss and Vote on Chapter 59A Housing: Equal Opportunity:
 - o Section 59A-1.
 - o Section 59A-2.

- Discuss and Vote on Chapter 60 Human Relations Commission:
 - o Section 60-1.
 - o Section 60-2.
 - o Section 60-5.

Ms. Johnson thanked Ms. Keegan for being present this evening. Ms. Johnson presented the red lined version of the Code and noted it was last amended in 1999. She said this came from conversations about making sure there was non-discrimination language in the Code and modernizing the language and making it more inclusive. Ms. Johnson said that offensive terms were redlined. She said they need to determine how to address potential loopholes.

Ms. Keegan explained the authority given to the Human Relations Commission under the State Statute. She said that when the State Statute was passed, the section dealing with sexual orientation was numbered differently. She added that gender identification is listed in the State Statute and they may be able to act on it. Ms. Keegan said that the State Statute is very limited and excludes multiple sexual orientations and all romantic orientations.

In response to Mr. Livingston's question, Ms. Keegan explained the difference between mental disability and intellectual disability.

Mr. Candela noted that no one in the Law Department has had a chance to look at the language in the Code. It was suggested that to capitalize on gender to include language

“including but not limited to”. Mr. Heuvelman said that the word Gender should be included, based on the fact the Committee just took pains to define Gender.

Ms. Shanahan said the Committee needs another review before moving this item to a public hearing.

Mr. Heuvelman asked for definition of Romantic Orientation. Ms. Keegan said she did not know how to define it by law, because it has not been dealt with in the law. Mr. Heuvelman suggested using the term “Sexual/Romantic Orientation”.

The Committee members will review the Ordinance and Mr. Candela will send a copy of 7-148 and 7-148i to the Committee members.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM

Ms. Shanahan said the Committee will be dealing with outdoor dining next month. Mr. Candela said there are a lot of discussions on the Municipal Attorney List Serve and he will forward information to the Committee members.

Mr. Heuvelman asked if the Committee will be looking at long term outdoor dining. Ms. Shanahan noted that outdoor dining has been very successful.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

Chapter 7 - General Provisions:

Section 7-6 – Definitions – Gender

Legal Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council Ordinance Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by way of videoconference/teleconference for the purpose of discussing and voting on revisions to Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-6 (Definition of Gender). Please note that the definition of Gender is the only change being proposed to Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-6. Please check the Ordinance Committee agenda for additional details and instructions about how to attend this Public Hearing by way of videoconference/teleconference. The Ordinance Committee agenda will be posted on the City website by April 16, 2021.

Chapter 7. General Provisions, Article I. General, § 7-6. Definitions.

In the construction of this Code and of all ordinances of the city, the following definitions and rules of construction shall be observed, unless they are inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Council or the context clearly requires otherwise:

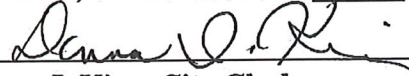
GENDER

~~Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter. Gender is defined as a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.~~

~~References to man/men signify all individual persons or group of persons including woman/women and nonbinary individuals. Usage of he/him/his pronouns signify all other pronouns including she/her/hers and gender neutral pronouns including singular they/them/theirs pronouns.~~

All general provisions, terms, phrases and expressions shall be liberally construed in order that the true intent and meaning of the Council may be fully carried out.

Dated at Norwalk, Connecticut this 19th day of March 2021.

ATTEST: 
Donna I. King, City Clerk

THE HOUR: Please publish once on Friday, April 9, 2021

Bologna & Associates,
125 Brook Road,
CT 06897

125 East Ave., P.O. Box 5125,
Norwalk, Connecticut 06856-5125.
Tel - (203) 854-7712, Fax - (203) 854-7817

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk, CT
is requesting proposals for
TOWING SERVICES.

quest for Proposal documents can be viewed and printed at
orwalkha.org under the Business section RFP's/RFQ's. Norwalk
Housing is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Adam Bovilsky, Executive Director.

NOTICE

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR MEETING
WESTPORT WESTON HEALTH DISTRICT
HEALTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
180 BAYBERRY LANE
WESTPORT, CT. 06880
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
7:00 PM

Ill be a Budget Public Hearing on the proposed Westport Weston
District's Budget for the fiscal year 2021 - 2022, which begins July
on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Following the Budget Public Hearing there will be a Regular
of the Westport Weston Health District Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Mark A. R. Cooper, MPH, RS
Ex-officio, Secretary Treasurer

INVITATION

SUBJECT: Elmcrest Terrace 2nd Floor Bathroom Renovation

Bids will be received in the Office of KEYSTONE HOUSE, INC.,
Main Street, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851, for PROJECT:
2nd Terrace 2nd Floor Bathroom Renovation until 11:00 am
ay, April 22, 2021 at which time and place said bids will be
publicly and read aloud. No facsimile bid will be accepted.

bid Walk-through is available by appointment only on
Friday, April 14, 2021 at 16 Elmcrest Terrace, Norwalk, CT.
Schedule an appointment, call Keystone House at
67818.

"d Package" is available from Technical Reproductions, Inc. 326
ve., Norwalk, CT 06851. Bid packages will not be mailed to
lors. Anyone submitting a bid for this project must have in their
possession a copy of THE CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT,
MENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR
CONSTRUCTION, DATED January 14, 2013, which contains standard
terms for contract and materials. For information, please contact
Ivan (203) 854-7810 ext. 46784.

led check or bid bond in the amount of 15% of the bid must
accompany the bid. If a bid is not accompanied by a bid security at the
time of the bid opening, the bid will not be read and this action
constitute automatic rejection of the bid.

orce may be given to certified Section 3 contractors whose bid is
0% of the lowest bid. KEYSTONE HOUSE, INC. reserves the right
quantities and to accept or reject any or all bids or any portion of
is for any reason, as it may deem to be in its best interests,
g unavailability of appropriated funds and approval of such
mental agencies as may be required by law.

ge assistance is available through our office. (203) 855-7920. For
al questions regarding the scope of work, please call Stephen
203.854.7810 ext. 46784.

Valerie S. Williams, Executive Director
Keystone House, Inc.

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ATTEST:

Donna I. King
Donna I. King, City Clerk

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Did you know?

According to the high-quality ground beef purveyor Schweid & Sons, the most common ground beef
choice among burger chefs is 80 percent lean, 20 percent fat. Law prohibits the sale of any
ground beef with a fat content above 30 percent. While some consumers are off at the notion
of buying beef that's 20 percent fat, Schweid & Sons rounds the meat
positions, such
gives it a rich, juicy flavor.

85 percent lean and 15 percent fat, tends to

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Chapter 59A
Housing: Equal
Opportunity:
Sections 59A-1 and
Section 59A-2

§ 59A-1

Declaration of policy.

[Amended 12-28-1999]

It is the policy of the City of Norwalk:

A.

To safeguard all individuals within the city from discrimination because of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, (defined as heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, pansexuality, or asexuality, whether actual or perceived), gender identity or expression, lawful source of income, familial status, or present or past history of mental or disability, intellectual disability, learning disability, physical disability, including but not limited to blindness or deafness, or status as a veteran, in connection with housing, thereby to protect their interest in personal dignity and freedom from humiliation, to make available to the city their full productive capacities, to secure the city against strife and unrest which would menace its democratic institutions and to preserve the public safety and general welfare; and

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B.

To supplement through official local action the implementation in Norwalk of Section 46a-64c of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (prohibiting denials of full and equal accommodations in housing), the provisions whereof are incorporated herein by reference. References in this article to such sections of the General Statutes shall include such amendments thereof as may be made from time to time.

§ 59A-2

Definitions.

[Amended 12-28-1999]

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

COMMISSION

The Human Relations Commission of the City of Norwalk as defined in Chapter 60 of the Code of the City of Norwalk.

COMMISSIONER

A member of the Human Relations Commission.

DISCRIMINATE

To cause any difference in treatment based on race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, alienage, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (defined as heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, pansexuality, or asexuality, whether actual or perceived), gender identity or expression,

lawful source of income, familial status, ~~or present or past history of mental disorder, present or past history of mental retardation or disability, intellectual disability, learning disability,~~ physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, status as a veteran, and includes segregation, based upon any of the foregoing categories.

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FAMILIAL STATUS

One or more individuals who have not attained the age of 18 years being domiciled with a parent or another person having legal custody of such individual or individuals; or the designee of such parent or other person having such custody with the written permission of such parent or other person; or any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of any individual who has not attained the age of 18 years.

FAMILY

Includes a single individual.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

Any dwelling, housing unit, structure or portion thereof used or to be used for legal residential purposes.

OWNER

Any person having or exercising the right to sell, rent or lease any housing accommodation.

Chapter 60

Human Relations

Commission:

Sections 60-1 and 60-2

§ 60-1.

Purposes and functions.

A.

A City agency is hereby created through which the City of Norwalk officially may encourage and bring about mutual understanding and respect among all groups in the City, eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, discrimination and disorder occasioned thereby and give effect to the guaranty of equal rights for all assured by the Constitution and the laws at the State of Connecticut and of the United States of America.

B.

To promote mutual understanding and respect among, and encourage and assure equality of opportunity for, all the people of Norwalk without regard for their race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, alienage, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (defined as heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, pansexuality, or asexuality, whether actual or perceived), gender identity or expression, lawful source of income, ~~or past or present history of mental disorder, present or past history of mental retardation or disability, intellectual disability, learning disability,~~ physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, and/or status as a veteran; to conduct such programs of education, study, research, investigation and action as will contribute to carrying out the purposes and provisions of this chapter; and to cooperate with governmental and nongovernmental agencies and organizations in the field of intergroup relations and equal opportunities; and

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C.

To supplement through official local action the implementation in Norwalk of Section 46a-60 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (prohibiting unfair employment practice) and of Sections 46a-64 and 46a-64c of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (prohibiting denials of full and equal accommodations, including housing) the provisions whereof are incorporated herein by reference. References in this chapter to such sections of the General Statutes shall include such amendments thereof as may be made from time to time.

§ 60-2.

Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DISCRIMINATION

Any unlawful difference in treatment based on race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, alienage, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (defined as heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, pansexuality, or asexuality, whether actual or perceived), gender identity or expression, lawful source of income, present or past history of mental disorder, past or present history of mental retardation or disability, intellectual disability, learning disability, physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, status as a veteran, and includes segregation, except that it shall not be discrimination for any religious or denominational institution to devote its facilities exclusively or primarily to or for members of its own religion or denomination or to give preference to such members

or to make such selection as is calculated by such institution to promote the religious principles for which it is established or maintained. Exceptions under Sections 46a-60, 46a-64 and 46a-64c of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be exceptions under this chapter.

PERSON

Includes an individual, partnership, association, corporation, legal representative, trustee, trustee in bankruptcy and receiver.

RELIGIOUS OR DENOMINATIONAL INSTITUTION

Any institution which is operated for religious purposes or is operated, supervised or controlled by a religious or denominational organization.

UNFAIR PRACTICE

An unfair employment practice in violation of Section 46a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes or a denial of full and equal accommodations, including discrimination, segregation or separation, in housing or in any other place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, hereinafter referred to as "housing or other accommodation," in violation of Sections 46a-64 and 46a-64c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Discuss Consumer
Fireworks sales
• permit process

Sec. 29-357. (Formerly Sec. 29-97). Sale, use and possession of fireworks prohibited. Sale, use and possession of certain sparklers or fountains permitted. Permits for display. Variations or exemptions. Penalty. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person, firm or corporation shall offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail or use or explode or possess with intent to sell, use or explode any fireworks. A person who is sixteen years of age or older may offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, purchase, use or possess with intent to sell or use sparklers or fountains of not more than one hundred grams of pyrotechnic mixture per item, which are nonexplosive and nonaerial, provided (1) such sparklers and fountains do not contain magnesium, except for magnalium or magnesium-aluminum alloy, (2) such sparklers and fountains containing any chlorate or perchlorate salts do not exceed five grams of composition per item, and (3) when more than one fountain is mounted on a common base, the total pyrotechnic composition does not exceed two hundred grams.

(b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall adopt reasonable regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, for the granting of permits for supervised displays of fireworks or for the indoor use of pyrotechnics, sparklers and fountains for special effects by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, other organizations or groups of individuals or artisans in pursuit of their trade. Such permit may be issued upon application to said commissioner and after (1) inspection of the site of such display or use by the local fire marshal to determine compliance with the requirements of such regulations, and (2) approval of the chiefs of the police and fire departments, or, if there is no police or fire department, of the first selectman, of the municipality wherein the display is to be held as is provided in this section. No such display shall be handled or fired by any person until such person has been granted a certificate of competency by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in respect to which a fee of two hundred dollars shall be payable to the State Treasurer when issued and which may be renewed every three years upon payment of a fee of one hundred ninety dollars payable to the State Treasurer, provided such certificate may be suspended or revoked by said commissioner at any time for cause. Such certificate of competency shall attest to the fact that such operator is competent to fire a display. Such display shall be of such a character and so located, discharged or fired as in the opinion of the chiefs of the police and fire departments or such selectman, after proper inspection, will not be hazardous to property or endanger any person or persons. In an aerial bomb, no salute, report or maroon may be used that is composed of a formula of chlorate of potash, sulphur, black needle antimony and dark aluminum. Formulas that may be used in a salute, report or maroon are as follows: (A) Perchlorate of potash, black needle antimony and dark aluminum, and (B) perchlorate of potash, dark aluminum and sulphur. No high explosive such as dynamite, fulminate of mercury or other stimulator for detonating shall be used in any aerial bomb or other pyrotechnics. Application for permits shall be made in writing at least fifteen days prior to the date of

display, on such notice as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection by regulation prescribes, on forms furnished by the commissioner, and a fee of one hundred dollars shall be payable to the State Treasurer with each such application. After such permit has been granted, sales, possession, use and distribution of fireworks for such display shall be lawful for that purpose only. No permit granted hereunder shall be transferable. Any permit issued under the provisions of this section may be suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the local fire marshal for violation by the permittee of any provision of the general statutes, any regulation or any ordinance relating to fireworks.

(c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may grant variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate compliance with, particular provisions of any regulation issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section where strict compliance with such provisions would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship or is otherwise adjudged unwarranted, provided any such variation, exemption, approved equivalent or alternate compliance shall, in the opinion of the commissioner, secure the public safety and shall be made in writing.

(d) Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor, except that (1) any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section by offering for sale, exposing for sale or selling at retail or possessing with intent to sell any fireworks with a value exceeding ten thousand dollars shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, and (2) any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of subsection (b) of this section or any regulation adopted thereunder shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, except if death or injury results from any such violation, such person, firm or corporation shall be guilty of a class C felony.

(1953, 1955, S. 2007d; 1961, P.A. 193; 194; P.A. 76-30, S. 4, 6; P.A. 80-297, S. 13, 20; P.A. 82-344, S. 2, 3; P.A. 84-228, S. 1; P.A. 91-196, S. 3, 4; May Sp. Sess. P.A. 92-6, S. 67, 117; P.A. 99-24, S. 1; P.A. 00-198, S. 2, 3; P.A. 03-231, S. 7; P.A. 06-177, S. 2; June Sp. Sess. P.A. 07-1, S. 151; P.A. 09-177, S. 17; June Sp. Sess. P.A. 09-3, S. 325; P.A. 10-54, S. 6; P.A. 12-80, S. 178, 179; P.A. 13-256, S. 6.)

History: 1961 acts added requirement for certificate of competency issued by state fire marshal in lieu of approval of person handling display by local authorities and prohibited use of salute, report or maroon composed of formula of chlorate of potash, sulphur, black needle antimony and dark aluminum in aerial bombs, specified formulas that could be used and prohibited use of high explosives in aerial bombs or pyrotechnics; P.A. 76-30 required that permit application be made at least 15 days before date of display; P.A. 80-297 imposed \$25 fee for certificate of competency to be renewed every 3 years upon payment of \$10 renewal fee and imposed \$25 fee for

display permit; P.A. 82-344 permitted state fire marshal to adopt regulations for the granting of permits for the indoor use of pyrotechnics for special effects and for artisans in pursuit of their trade; Sec. 29-97 transferred to Sec. 29-357 in 1983; P.A. 84-228 inserted Subsec. indicators, replaced “keep” with “possess”, and added Subsec. (c) incorporating penalties for violation of the section formerly set forth in Sec. 29-366 and making the penalty for the sale or possession with intent to sell of fireworks with a value exceeding \$10,000 a class A misdemeanor; P.A. 91-196 added a new Subsec. (c), permitting state fire marshal to grant variations or exemptions from, or approve alternate compliance with, provisions of regulations issued under Subsec. (b), and relettered remaining Subsec. accordingly; May Sp. Sess. P.A. 92-6 amended Subsec. (b) to increase the fee for certificate of competency from \$25 to \$50, for renewal from \$10 to \$30 and for an application for permits from \$25 to \$35; P.A. 99-24 provided for inspection of the site by the local fire marshal, allowed suspension of certificate of competency by the State Fire Marshal and permitted revocation or suspension of the permit by the State Fire Marshal or local fire marshal; P.A. 00-198 amended Subsec. (a) by adding exception re sparklers, effective June 1, 2000; P.A. 03-231 amended Subsec. (b) to make a technical change and amended Subsec. (d) to designate existing exception as Subdiv. (1) and add new Subdiv. (2) to provide that any person, firm or corporation violating Subsec. (b) or any regulation adopted thereunder shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, except if death or injury results from such violation, such person, firm or corporation shall be fined a maximum of \$10,000 or imprisoned a maximum of 10 years, or both, effective July 9, 2003; P.A. 06-177 amended Subsec. (a) to delete reference to Sec. 29-356, add references to “fountains” and add new Subdivs. (1) to (3) re requirements for sparklers and fountains, and amended Subsec. (b) to add “sparklers and fountains” in provision re permits for displays, effective June 9, 2006; June Sp. Sess. P.A. 07-1 amended Subsec. (b) to increase fee for certificate of competency from \$50 to \$100, to increase renewal fee for such certificate from \$30 to \$150, and to increase fee for permit from \$35 to \$50, effective July 1, 2007; P.A. 09-177 amended Subsec. (b) to delete former Subdiv. (3) re filing of a bond and make a technical change, effective January 1, 2011; June Sp. Sess. P.A. 09-3 amended Subsec. (b) to increase fees, effective January 1, 2011; P.A. 10-54 changed effective date of P.A. 09-177, S. 17, from January 1, 2011, to January 1, 2013, effective May 18, 2010; P.A. 12-80 amended Subsec. (d) to change penalty for violating provisions of section from a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment of not more than 90 days or both to a class C misdemeanor and changed penalty in Subdiv. (2) for violating provisions of Subsec. (b) or regulation adopted thereunder that results in death or injury from a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 10 years or both to a class C felony; P.A. 13-256 replaced “State Fire Marshal” and “marshal” with “Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection” or “commissioner” and amended Subsec. (b) to specify renewal fee is payable to State Treasurer.

Cited. 221 C. 788. A firework falls within limited exemption for sparklers and fountains only if principal pyrotechnic effect is pyrotechnic effect that legislature has expressly permitted. 285 C. 192.

Cited. 2 CA 680. Requirement establishing 5 gram chlorate and perchlorate limits applies to each tube in a multitube fountain pyrotechnic device and not to entire product as a whole. 132 CA 679.



FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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Failure to comply with the items listed above may result in penalties prescribed by Section 29-295 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Robert Daniel
Fire Marshal

Business: TNT Fireworks
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Permit Valid: _____ to _____
Issued by: Robert Daniel, Fire Marshal



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April 3, 2020

Fireworks Sales

In the event that your mercantile establishment wishes to sell consumer fireworks within the Town of Stratford, a permit must be applied for through the Fire Marshal's Office.

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It is also important to note that a responsible employee must have visual supervision of the display, an exit must be located within 75 feet of the display and a portable fire extinguisher shall be provided.

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Once the display has been set up; prior to the sale of fireworks you **must** call the Fire Marshal's office at (203)385-4073 to schedule an inspection.

Sincerely,

RD

Robert Daniel
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal



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Sparkler Vendor Information

Public Act No. 00-198, which took effect June 1, 2000, legalized the sale, purchase and use of Sparklers by anyone age **sixteen** or older; Public Act 06-177 added Fountains to this category.

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