

ORDINANCE NO. 15-015

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 8.58 of the Camas Municipal Code, revising the dates and times for fireworks sales and discharge in the City of Camas and authorizing the Mayor to prohibit fireworks discharge during times of extreme fire danger.

WHEREAS, Chapter 70.77 RCW, the State Fireworks Law, governs the purchase, sale, and discharge of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, RCW 70.77.250(4) permits cities to adopt ordinances with stricter regulations of fireworks than state law, provided such ordinances may not have an effective date sooner than one year after their adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted Chapter 8.58 to the Camas Municipal, entitled “Fireworks,” and the City Council desires to adopt additional regulations revising the dates and times for fireworks sales and discharge in the City of Camas and to further authorize the Mayor to prohibit fireworks discharge during times of extreme fire danger; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed revisions was held before the City Council on September 8, 2015;

NOW, WHEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Camas Municipal Code, Section 8.58.020 – **Restriction on Times for Sale and Discharge of Fireworks**, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

CMC 8.58.020 – Restriction on Times for Sale and Discharge of Fireworks.

The sale, purchase and discharge of consumer fireworks shall not be permitted at any time except during the following times and dates:

A. Consumer fireworks may be purchased and sold within the City of Camas only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 2nd and 3rd of any year; between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4th of any year; between

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the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on July 5th of any year; and only between the hours of 12:00 noon and 11:00 p.m. on December 29th through December 31st of any year; and

B. Consumer fireworks may be discharged within the City of Camas only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 3rd of any year; between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4th of any year; and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1 of the subsequent year.

Section II

A new Section 8.58.025 of the Camas Municipal Code, entitled **Emergencies – Restrictions on Use**, is hereby added to the Camas Municipal Code to provide as follows:

CMC 8.58.025 – Emergencies - Restrictions on Use.

The Mayor, after consulting with the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, and other officials as may be deemed appropriate, may prohibit the discharge of all fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger. For the purposes of this Chapter, the term “extreme fire danger” shall mean a period of hot, dry weather, accompanied by low fuel moistures. It is during this period that wild land fires can be expected, and fire growth will be accelerated.

Section III

This ordinance shall take force and be in effect one (1) year from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 21st day of September, 2015.

SIGNED: _____

Mayor

SIGNED: _____

Clerk

APPROVED as to form:



City Attorney