

**TOWN OF CLEVELAND, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10
FIREWORKS REGULATION ORDINANCE**

SECTION 1: TITLE AND PURPOSE

1.01 Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Fireworks Regulation Ordinance of the Town of Cleveland."

1.02 Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote public safety, prevent fire hazards in rural areas, protect livestock and property, and reduce excessive noise and nuisance conditions associated with fireworks use.

SECTION 2: AUTHORITY

2.01 Statutory Authority.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted under Wisconsin Statute § 167.10 and the general police powers of the Town.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

3.01 Fireworks.

"Fireworks" shall have the meaning set forth in Wisconsin Statute § 167.10.

3.02 Consumer Fireworks.

Fireworks intended for personal use that comply with federal regulations, excluding prohibited explosive or aerial devices unless permitted.

3.03 Permit.

A written authorization issued by the Town Chairperson or designee allowing the possession or use of fireworks under specified conditions.

3.04 Rural Property.

Land used for agricultural purposes, including fields, barns, outbuildings, and areas containing livestock.

SECTION 4: GENERAL PROHIBITION

4.01 Permit Required.

No person may possess, use, or discharge fireworks within the Town of Cleveland without first obtaining a permit, except as expressly allowed in Section 5.

SECTION 5: LIMITED EXCEPTIONS (NO PERMIT REQUIRED)

5.01 Authorized Dates and Times.

Consumer fireworks may be used without a permit only during the following periods:

- July 3: 4:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- July 4: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- December 31: 6:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. (January 1)

5.02 Noise Sensitivity Adjustment.

Use after 10:30 p.m. is prohibited due to resident complaints regarding late-night disturbances.

SECTION 6: RURAL SAFETY RESTRICTIONS

6.01 Distance Requirements.

Fireworks shall not be discharged:

- Within 300 feet of any structure, barn, or outbuilding
- Within 300 feet of livestock enclosures or agricultural operations
- Within 100 feet of any roadway

6.02 Fire Risk Conditions.

All fireworks use is prohibited during:

- Declared burn bans
- Periods of high fire danger, as determined by the Town Chairperson, Fire Chief, or Jackson County officials

6.03 Property Owner Permission.

Fireworks may only be used on property owned or with express permission of the property owner.

SECTION 7: PUBLIC SAFETY RESTRICTIONS

7.01 Intoxication Prohibited.

No person may discharge fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

7.02 Age Requirement.

No person under the age of 18 may use fireworks without direct adult supervision.

7.03 Public Property.

Fireworks are prohibited on Town-owned property, roads, parks, or rights-of-way.

SECTION 8: NUISANCE AND PROPERTY PROTECTION

8.01 Public Nuisance.

The use of fireworks that results in:

- Repeated or excessive noise complaints
- Disturbance of livestock
- Debris on neighboring properties

shall constitute a public nuisance.

8.02 Cleanup Requirement.

All debris shall be removed within 24 hours of use.

SECTION 9: PERMIT PROCEDURE

9.01 Application.

Applications for permits shall be submitted to the Town Clerk at least 5 business days prior to use.

9.02 Conditions.

The Town may require:

- Proof of liability insurance
- Notification of the local fire department
- On-site fire suppression measures

9.03 Denial or Revocation.

Permits may be denied or revoked for safety concerns or prior violations.

SECTION 10: ENFORCEMENT

10.01 Enforcement Authority.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by:

- Jackson County Sheriff's Department
- Town Constable (if applicable)
- Authorized Town officials

SECTION 11: PENALTIES

11.01 Forfeitures.

Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to:

- A forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 for the first offense
- A forfeiture of not less than \$100.00 for the second offense
- A forfeiture of not less than \$150.00 for the third offense
- Each discharge event may constitute a separate offense

11.02 Seizure.

Fireworks used in violation of this Ordinance may be seized and destroyed.

SECTION 12: SEVERABILITY

12.01 Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is found invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

SECTION 13: EFFECTIVE DATE

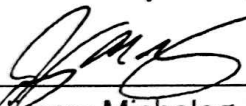
13.01 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication as required by Wisconsin Stat. § 60.80.

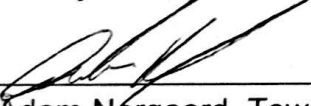
Adopted this 12th Day of May, 2026, by the Town Board of the Town of Cleveland, Jackson County, Wisconsin.



Nick D'Huyvetter, Town Chair



Jimmy Michalec, Town Supervisor



Adam Norgaard, Town Supervisor

ATTEST:



Kayla Lindgren, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Cleveland, Jackson County, Wisconsin, on May 12, 2026.