

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- DEPARTMENTWIDE

Possession, Use, and Transportation of Fireworks  
and Fireworks Manufacturer Fees

Motion:

Move to make the following changes to regulations for the possession, use, and transportation of fireworks, and for fees paid by fireworks manufacturers:

1. Provide that a person transporting fireworks must hold a permit from a municipality if the person remains in that municipality for 72 hours or more. Under current law, a person transporting fireworks through a municipality must hold a permit from that municipality for 12 hours or more.
2. Provide that no user's permit is required from the city, village, or town in which the possession or use is to occur, for the possession of fireworks by a person who is not a resident of Wisconsin if the person does not use the fireworks in this state.
3. Specify that a fireworks use permit issued by a city, village, or town, to a group of individuals confers the privileges under the permit to each member of the group.
4. Specify that a fireworks use permit issued by a city, village, or town, shall specify the dates (instead of date, currently) and location of permitted use.
5. Specify that fireworks manufacturers shall pay a \$100 credential fee, instead of \$70 currently, for the current four-year credential term.

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Note:

Chapter 167 of the statutes regulates the sale, use, and possession of fireworks. Current law allows a city, village, town, or county to enact certain ordinances regulating fireworks. Generally the local ordinance may not be less restrictive than state law.

Current law prohibits the sale of fireworks with certain exceptions. Among the fireworks sales that are allowed are sales to a person holding a permit authorizing the possession or use of fireworks.

Current law generally prohibits a person from possessing or using fireworks without a permit issued by the municipality in which the possession or use is to occur. Current law also provides that a municipality or county may not enact an ordinance prohibiting the possession of fireworks in that municipality or county while the fireworks are being transported to another municipality or county that has authorized the possession of the fireworks by permit or ordinance.

The Department of Safety and Professional Services licenses and inspects manufacturers of fireworks. Current administrative rules assess a \$70 credential fee to fireworks manufacturers for a four-year term. There are 16 active licensed fireworks manufacturers. The motion would statutorily increase the credential fee from \$70 to \$100. The \$30 fee increase would generate additional program revenue of \$120 annually (\$480 over the four-year term of the credential).

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