

**CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2022**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF TITLE 14 OF THE GREELEY MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO FIREWORKS

WHEREAS, the City of Greeley has adopted the International Fire Code at Title 22,
Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks is
prohibited by Section 5601.1.3 of the International Fire Code except where allowed by
applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes Section 24-33.5-2007 allow certain fireworks to be
possessed, sold, and used within incorporated areas of the State of Colorado unless
restricted by local law in those incorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, the use of illegal fireworks within the City poses a danger to the health and
safety of the citizens of Greeley; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to Chapter 15 will provide city staff, including the Police
and Fire Departments, additional resources in order to ensure that fireworks are used
safely and appropriately within the Greeley city limits; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the
citizens of the City of Greeley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREELEY, COLORADO:

Section 1. That Chapter 15 of Title 14 of the Greeley Municipal Code of Ordinances be
amended, including adding thereto a new section, to read as shown in Appendix A.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days following its final
publication, as provided by the Greeley City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED ON THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

ATTEST



City Clerk

THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO

Mayor

APPENDIX A

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF TITLE 14 OF THE GREELEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Section 1: That Chapter 15, Fireworks, of Title 14, Criminal Conduct and Offenses, be amended, including adding thereto a new section, to read as follows:

Sec. 14-481. Manufacture, sale, use or possession of fireworks.

(a) Pursuant to section 5601.1.3 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by the city at section 22-454, the possession, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks is illegal except as set forth herein.

~~(b)~~ (1) The fire department may adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of permits for supervised public displays of fireworks and retail sale of fireworks within the city.

~~(1)~~ a. Such permits may be granted upon application to the fire department.

~~(2)~~ b. The department may prescribe reasonable requirements for the issuance of such permits, including, but not limited to, a reasonable fee for such permits, the posting of an appropriate bond, limitation as to the type of fireworks displayed, time and location of such display, requirements concerning the licensure or certification of the operator of the display and disposal of unused fireworks.

~~(c)~~ c. Permits issued by the fire department for a public display of fireworks within the city must be reviewed and approved in writing by the chief of police or designee. No permit issued by the fire department shall be valid in the absence of the written approval thereof by the chief of police or designee.

~~(d)~~ (2) Permissible fireworks may be possessed, stored, sold, handled and used within the city by any individual age 16 years and older.

(3) Permissible fireworks may be possessed and used within the city by an individual under the age of 16 years, if the individual is under adult supervision.

Sec. 14-482. Knowingly provide private property for possession or use of illegal fireworks. No one who owns, rents, leases or controls private property shall knowingly allow any person to possess or use fireworks, except for permissible fireworks as allowed in sec. 14-481, anywhere on said property.

Sec. 14-4823. Penalty.

(a) Any person who violates this chapter commits a misdemeanor ~~infraction~~ offense and shall be fined not less than \$1000, plus any additional penalties assessed pursuant to punished as provided in chapter 9 of title 1 of this Code.

(b) Up to \$500 of the fine on a first violation may be suspended if the guilty party completes a city sponsored or city approved fire safety course, within 91 days following sentencing. The guilty party is responsible for any registration fees.

~~(c) A repeat violation within 365 days from a finding of guilty shall cause the full amount of the fine to be immediately reinstated in full.~~

Sec. 14-4834. Seizure of illegal fireworks.

~~(a) Members of the fire police or fire department or any city police officer~~ shall seize, take, remove or cause to be removed, at the expense of the owner, all stocks of fireworks offered or exposed for sale or stored or held in violation of this chapter or of the adopted portions of the International Fire Code.