

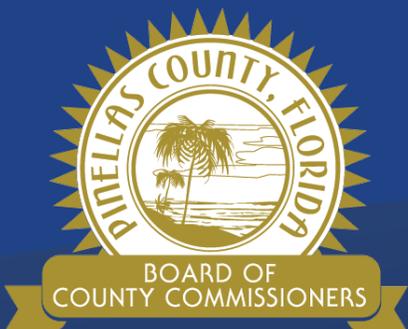
Ordinance amending Article IV, Chapter 62, of the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances, entitled Fireworks



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Historical Background

- Pinellas County: requires permits for any consumer fireworks use.
- State: Florida Statute Chapter 791 provides a legal carve-out for consumer use on three specific dates: **Independence Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.**
- local governments continue to retain the right to regulate fireworks use. The state statute intends to allow their use by consumers during designated holidays.

County Staff performed a comparative analysis of state and local regulations governing fireworks.

Staff identified two key objectives:

- Modernize local ordinances to reflect the intent of the state-mandated allowance for fireworks and ensure regional consistency.
- Bring Pinellas County ordinance into alignment with the intent of Florida Statute Chapter 791, specifically governing use of fireworks.
 - Pinellas County would continue to require permits for the sale of fireworks year-round, as well as for commercial displays, and consumer use outside of the designated holidays.

Amendment Summary



The proposed updates bridge the gap between Pinellas County ordinance and state statute regulating the use of fireworks during designated holidays.

- Specifically, relating to consumer use on **4th of July, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.**
- Additionally, the recommended amendments remove the current requirement of permits for consumer and residential use of fireworks during designated holidays.

Proposed Amendments:

Article IV, Chapter 62

- Amend use and display regulations to reflect intent of state statutes.
- Update definitions to remove outdated terminology and unactionable penalties.
- Amend and modify permit requirements for consumer use during designated holidays.
- Amend fireworks regulations to ensure consistency with related Pinellas County Code sections.

Questions?