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To avoid a tragic outcome involving fireworks, please let me remind you of some recommended safety tips.

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks. The Village of Wolverine Lake ordinance says “A person may ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks only on the following days during the following hours:
 - Between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3 and July 4.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting. A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. **Never** give fireworks to children.
- **Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.** Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

We want you to be able to celebrate Tiki Night and the 4th of July in a safe atmosphere. Please be courteous to your neighbors and remember to clean up the remaining debris that fireworks leave behind.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

Chief John M. Ellsworth

In Partnership With Our Community

Sec. 20-86. - Consumer fireworks.

- (a) Consistent with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended, no person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in the township except on the following national holidays after 11:00 a.m.:
- (1) December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1.
 - (2) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
 - (3) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
 - (4) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
 - (5) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

A violation of this subsection is a municipal civil infraction. A civil fine of up to \$1,000.00 shall be imposed for each violation of this section. Fifty percent of said fine imposed for each violation of this section shall be remitted to law enforcement.

- (b) A person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks on township property, including but not limited to the township's parks, without the express permission of the township. A violation of this subsection is a municipal civil infraction with fines as set forth in this code.

(Ord. No. 1.020, § 2, 10-9-2012; Ord. No. 1.022, § 2, 9-10-2013; Ord. No. 1.045, § 2, 3-12-2019)

Sec. 20-87. - Commercial fireworks.

Commercial fireworks shall not be discharged in the township without a permit.

(Ord. No. 1.020, § 2, 10-9-2012)

Sec. 20-88. - Low impact fireworks.

The display of low impact fireworks is regulated by state law and is not regulated by this article.

(Ord. No. 1.020, § 2, 10-9-2012)

Sec. 20-89. - Determination of violation; seizure; destruction; storage costs under this article.

- (a) If the Oakland County sheriff's office determines through its investigation that a violation of this article has occurred, its officers may seize the firework(s) as evidence of the violation. The Oakland County sheriff's office shall store, or cause to be stored, the evidence seized under this section pending disposition of any proceedings arising from the violation.
- (b) Following a final disposition of a finding of responsibility under this article, the Oakland County sheriff's office may dispose of or destroy any fireworks retained as evidence in that proceeding.
- (c) A person from whom fireworks are seized under this section shall pay the actual costs of storage and disposal of the seized fireworks if found responsible for a violation of this article.

(Ord. No. 1.045, § 2, 3-12-2019)

Secs. 20-90—20-115. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - PERMITS

Subdivision I. - In General

Sec. 20-116. - Permit required.

A permit is required for the discharge of commercial fireworks.

