

FIREWORKS DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

Wisconsin State Statute 167.10 (5) (3) authorizes the local municipality to regulate the use of Fireworks by adopted municipal ordinance.

The City of St. Francis Municipal Code states the following:

Chapter 249-1:

It is unlawful for any person to sell, expose or offer for sale, use, keep, discharge or explode any firecrackers, blank cartridges, toy pistols or cannons, toy canes or cannons in which explosives are used, contrivances using explosive caps or cartridges, sparklers, display wheels, the type of balloon which requires fire underneath to propel the same, torpedoes, sky rockets, Roman candles, serial salutes, American or Chinese bombs or other fireworks of like construction, or any tablets or other devices commonly used and sold as fireworks containing nitrates, chlorates, oxalates, sulfides of lead, barium, antimony, arsenic, mercury, nitroglycerine, phosphorus or any compound containing any of the same or other modern explosives, within the City of St. Francis, except as hereinafter provided.

Chapter 249-2 **EXCEPTIONS:**

Nothing herein contained shall prohibit:

- A. The **use of fireworks** other than those prohibited herein for pyrotechnic displays given by public authorities, fair associations, amusement parks, park boards, civic organizations or groups of individuals or for the protection of crops from predatory birds or animals by agricultural producers that have been **granted a permit for such display** or protective use by the Mayor of the City wherein the display is to be given or the protective use is to occur, and **permits issued** for crop protection **shall state the type of fireworks to be used for such purpose**, and the owner or lessee of said land on which said fireworks are installed shall erect appropriate warning signs disclosing the use of fireworks for crop protection. The issuing officer may **require an indemnity bond with good sufficient sureties for the payment of all claims that may arise by reason of injuries to person or property from the handling, use or discharge of fireworks under such permit. Such bond, if required, shall be taken in the name of the City wherein the fireworks display is to be given**, and any person injured thereby may bring an action on said bond in his own name to recover the damage he has sustained, but the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons shall in no event exceed the amount of such bond. **The bond, if required, together with a copy of the permit shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City.**

The City of St. Francis refers to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1123, *Code for Fireworks Display*, for the purpose of regulation.