

1 Introduced October 8, 2019, by Councilman  
2 Borchert, seconded by Councilman Tamborella,  
3 (by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 19-10-3302**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 3965**

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7 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter  
8 14 Fire Prevention and Protection; Section 14-35 Fireworks, by replacing same in its  
9 entirety; and modifying Appendix A, Zoning Section 2.18, C-4 Highway Commercial,  
10 Section 2.1801, Permitted Uses.

11 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to permit the storage, sale, and  
12 transport of pyrotechnics during the Fourth of July and New Year's Holiday seasons; and

13 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell will not allow the discharge of pyrotechnics  
14 within its City limits, unless otherwise permitted in the Code of Ordinances; and

15 WHEREAS, the sale of pyrotechnics often occurs on temporary sites; and

16 WHEREAS, City consulted with the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection  
17 District No. 1; and

18 WHEREAS, City's Planning & Zoning Commission convened on September  
19 16, 2019 and following public hearing issued its favorable recommendation for the  
20 adoption of the proposed changes and additions to the Code of Ordinances.  
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22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that the  
23 Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell is amended as follows:  
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25 **Replace Chapter 14 - Fire Prevention and Protection; Section 14-35 Fireworks in its**  
26 **entirety with following:**

27 Sec. 14-35 Fireworks

28 (a) Definitions  
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4 (1) Pyrotechnics: Any sparkler, squib, rocket, firecracker, Roman candle,  
5 signal lights, fireworks, or other devices or composition used to obtain  
6 visible or audible pyrotechnic display.  
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8 (2) Temporary Site: A temporary site for the sale of pyrotechnics can  
9 consist of temporary structures, undeveloped/vacant land, or a  
10 combination of both.  
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12 a. Temporary Structure: A temporary structure consists of tents,  
13 other membrane structures, shipping containers, or other non-  
14 permanent structures that are erected for the sole purpose of  
15 storing, displaying, or selling pyrotechnics during the specified  
16 time period. Temporary structures must comply with the  
17 relevant sections of the International Building Codes and Fire  
18 Codes.  
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20 b. Temporary Sites. A temporary site is a lot, parcel, or part  
21 thereof that is configured to support a temporary use or  
22 structure. A temporary site can be undeveloped/vacant land or  
23 part of a developed site on which temporary structures, parking,  
24 or other activities will be conducted to support a temporary use.  
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26 (b) Sale and storage of pyrotechnics is permitted during following periods  
27 subject to the requirements of this section and Appendix A: Zoning.  
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29 New Year's: December 15th through January 1st.

30 Fourth of July: June 15th through July 4th.  
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32 (c) The Use of pyrotechnics is prohibited with the following exceptions:  
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34 (1) The possession or use of signaling devices for current daily  
35 consumption by railroads, trucks or vessels requiring them.  
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4 (2) Pyrotechnic display of fireworks in public parks or other open places,  
5 where a permit for such display has been issued by the fire chief of St.  
6 Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

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8 (3) The possession, sale or use of normal stacks of flashlight  
9 compositions by photographers or dealers in photographic supplies.

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11 (d) Administrative Permit Required. In addition to any other licenses and permits  
12 required to sell, store or transport fireworks, a permit from the City of Slidell is  
13 required to sell or store pyrotechnics. A permit is required for each site and  
14 is only good for one season/period. The following supporting plans and  
15 documents must be submitted with the application:

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17 (1) Site Plan. A "To Scale" site plan showing the following:

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19 a. Property lines.  
20 b. Location where pyrotechnics will be stored and sold with details  
21 on how the pyrotechnics will be protected from weather, theft,  
22 and accidental ignition.  
23 c. Location and details of any permanent or temporary structure  
24 used for display and sale of pyrotechnics to include distance to  
25 property lines.  
26 d. Location, identification, and Use of surrounding properties, to  
27 include distance to nearest structures on adjacent properties.  
28 e. Location and design of access connection to Public Rights-of-  
29 Way to include radii, drive lane width, and distance to first  
30 vehicle maneuvering decision point after exiting the roadway.  
31 f. Layout of interior parking lot and drive lanes to include drive  
32 lane widths, radii, parking stall sizes, and loading/unloading  
33 areas.  
34 g. Location of any signage along with details on design, size,  
35 height, and how constructed.  
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4 (2) Proof of Ownership, lease or permission of property owner. Applicant  
5 must provide either proof of ownership of the lot or parcel, a lease for  
6 the property, or a letter from property owner giving permission to sell  
7 and store pyrotechnics on their property. Proof of ownership of the lot  
8 by the lessor or the person giving permission to use the lot must be  
9 included.

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11 (3) Copy of all required federal and state licenses and permits.

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13 (e) Buffer Requirement. Below are the required minimum distances the sale or  
14 storage of pyrotechnics must be from identified uses:

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16 Residence: 500'

17 School: 1,000'

18 Hospital: 1,000'

19 Hazardous Material Storage Containers/sites: 1,000'

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21 (f) Public Street Access and Parking:

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23 (1) Permanent site Parking and Street Access must meet requirements of  
24 Appendix A: Zoning, Part 4: Off-street Automobile Parking and  
25 Loading Requirements. Pyrotechnic sales are considered General  
26 commercial for determining parking requirements (Section 4.220).

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28 (2) Temporary Public Street Access. The following are minimum  
29 requirements for of temporary street access:

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31 a. Minimum radius for driveway entrances is 25'

32 b. Minimum width of the driveway throat is 24'.

33 c. The driveway throat will be designed in a way that a driver  
34 exiting the public street will have at least 25' to decelerate  
35 before having to maneuver their vehicle to park, change  
36 direction, or proceed further into the site.

- 4 d. In no case will a vehicle be allowed to back out onto a public  
5 street.
- 6 e. A clear sight triangle free of signs, landscaping, or obstructions  
7 will be maintained on either side of the driveway access so that  
8 a driver entering the roadway has a clear view of all  
9 approaching traffic.
- 10 f. Permission from Louisiana Department of Transportation and  
11 Development (LADOTD) is required before installing a  
12 temporary access to a State highway.
- 13 g. Approval of City permit is considered approval of a temporary  
14 access to a City street.

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16 (3) Temporary Parking Requirement Sites: Temporary site parking must  
17 conform to the parking requirements contained in Appendix A: Zoning,  
18 Part 4 Off-street Automobile Parking and Loading Regulations.  
19 Temporary sites for the sale of pyrotechnics are considered a  
20 Roadside Stand (Section 4.224).

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- 22 a. Parking Surface Material. Parking stalls and drive lanes for  
23 temporary pyrotechnic sale sites may be constructed of gravel,  
24 limestone, or crushed concrete.
- 25 b. Striping. Parking stalls and drive lanes for temporary  
26 Pyrotechnic sales sites do not have to be striped. However, the  
27 area for the parking stall and drive lanes must be clearly  
28 delineated using cones, tapes, or other temporary measure that  
29 will not harm the environment. The layout of the parking area  
30 and drive lanes must meet the City's minimum requirement for  
31 parking stalls and drive lanes.

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33 (4) Temporary Loading/Unloading. Each site shall provide details on their  
34 process for loading and unloading fireworks on to and off of the site.  
35 Parking of trucks for loading/unloading in the Public right-of-way must  
36 be approved in advance. Applicant must provide their plan for  
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4 temporary traffic control measures to include but not limited to the use  
5 of traffic safety cones, flagmen, and caution signs and devices.  
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7 (g) Fire Prevention and Fire Service.

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- 9 (1) Structures where fireworks are sold, displayed, or stored must be at  
10 least 25 feet from a public street or highway.  
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- 12 (2) Point of sale, display, and storage of fireworks must be at least 75 feet  
13 from any flammable liquid dispenser such as a gasoline pump or  
14 sources of flammable vapors such as vent pipes from gas storage  
15 tanks.  
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- 17 (3) The fireworks stand must provide at least one unobstructed entrance.  
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- 19 (4) Tents and other temporary structures must meet flame resistant fire  
20 rating per RS 40:1613.  
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- 22 (5) A "Fireworks- No Smoking" sign must be prominently posted on the  
23 site. Sign lettering must be at least 4-inches tall.  
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- 25 (6) No open flame heating devices. Electrical heaters must be at least 3'  
26 from any fireworks.  
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- 28 (7) Overhead power line clearance requirements from where fireworks  
29 are stored, sold, or displayed:  
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- 31 a. Power line less than or equal to 600 volts must have at least  
32 eight-foot of clearance.  
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- 34 b. Power lines greater than 600 volts must have at least twelve  
35 feet, six inches from  
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4 (8) Electrical wiring must comply with the most recent edition of the  
5 National Electrical Code. Pig tail lights are prohibited, and all splices  
6 must be in junction boxes.

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8 (9) A green tag fire extinguisher with a 2A rating must be on site at all  
9 times.

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11 (10) Fireworks must be at least 10 feet from the exit, and fireworks cannot  
12 be displayed where sunlight can shine through glass onto the  
13 fireworks.

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15 (11) Combustible trash/rubbish shall not remain within 30 feet of the  
16 fireworks point of sale or storage for more than 12 hours or overnight,  
17 whichever is less.

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19 (12) Sky Lanterns are prohibited.

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21 (h) Signs. Installation of permanent and temporary signs must meet  
22 requirements of Section 2.33: Sign Regulations to Appendix A: Zoning.

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24 (i) Fee. The application fee for pyrotechnic sales is \$100.00 per site per  
25 season.


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27 (j) Clean up of Temporary Sites. All improvements to temporary sites must be  
28 removed and the site returned to its pre-permit condition no later than 3 days  
29 after the end of the permit period.

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5 **Add a new paragraph to Appendix A: Zoning, Section 2.18: C-4 Highway**  
6 **Commercial, Paragraph 2.1801 Permitted uses:**  
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8 Fireworks sale and storage, provided they meet the requirements of Section  
9 14.-35 Fireworks, Chapter 14: Fire Prevention and Protection.  
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12 **ADOPTED** this 12th day of November, 2019.

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14 Bill Borchert  
15 President of the Council  
16 Councilman-At-Large

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18 Greg Cromer  
19 Mayor  
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22 Thomas P. Reeves  
23 Council Administrator  
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