

**GENEVA TOWNSHIP
FIREWORKS POLICY**

July 8, 2008

To promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Geneva Township, the Geneva Township Board establishes this Fireworks Policy.

PURPOSE:

Compliance with MCL 750.243a, et seq, addressing local government's responsibility for granting fireworks permits and comply with nationally recognized fire code such as the International or Uniform Fire Code or the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Pamphlet addressing fireworks.

Establish township standards that applicants must meet to receive fireworks permits.

REQUIREMENTS:

Submit a completed application for Fireworks Display Permit to township supervisor or clerk within 45 days of the event. Permit application must include proof of training and qualifications (competency and proper licenses or permits) of the pyrotechnics operator.

Applicant must include with permit application proof of financial responsibility including an certificate of insurance covering fireworks displays for property damage and personal injury in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Applicant must further submit a detailed plan outlining how the display will be conducted and exact location of where fireworks will be shot from. No buildings or structures may be within 1500' from shooting situs.

Applicant must provide with the application verification that Emergency Fire and Ambulance Services for the period of time fireworks are being displayed will be on site at applicants expense.

Applicant must include a \$100 fee with application to cover costs of Geneva Township.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REQUIREMENTS:

Applications will only be addressed at regular township board meetings.

Notification by US Mail to all property owners within 2640' of applicants display area.

Verify with Township Insurer that proof of financial responsibility and affidavit of insurance is adequate.

Verification from South Haven Area Emergency Services, in writing, that applicant demonstrates knowledge of recommended safety requirements as outlined in the codes, and that the site is within the NFPA and/or International or Uniform Fire Codes and is acceptable to SHAES.

Township board must consider safety factors, noise and duration of display.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The township board shall evaluate all applications for Fireworks Displays within the boundaries of the township and may grant a permit for the use of fireworks and the creation of fireworks displays which would otherwise be prohibited by MCL 750.243a. The permits shall be on forms provided by the bureau of fire services. After a permit has been granted, sales, possession, or transportation of fireworks for the purposes described in the permit only may be made. A permit granted under this subsection is not transferable and shall not be issued to a person under the age of 18 years.

ADOPTION:

The Geneva Township Board establishes and adopts this Policy this 8th day of July, 2008.

Nancy Ann Whaley, Supervisor

Bridgette Gumpert, Clerk

M. Jeffery Primmer, Treasurer

Norman Funk, Trustee

Audrey Krader, Trustee