

FIREWORKS AND THE LAW

Illinois State Code makes it illegal to explode fireworks without a license.

The following is an excerpt from “Fireworks Use Act”, Section 35:

...it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership or corporation to knowingly possess, offer for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks...without a permit (issued by local authorities).

The governing body shall require a bond from the licensee in a sum not less than \$1,000 conditioned on compliance with the provisions of this law and the regulations of the State Fire Marshal...

Any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation violating the provisions of this act ...(by exploding fireworks)...shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor (penalties for possession or sale vary, based upon the amount of fireworks).

A search warrant can be requested by the police or local governing body when an officer or employee have reason to believe there is possession of fireworks in violation of this law, and the illegal property can be seized.

The term fireworks shall mean and include any explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect of a temporary exhibitional nature by explosion, combustion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, bombs, or other fireworks of like construction, and any fireworks containing any explosive compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance or containing combustible substances providing visual effects...(excluded are minor fireworks such as sparklers, snake pellets, smoke bombs, poppers and cap pistols).

Village Ordinance 6-1-18, “FIREWORKS”:

The Village Ordinance follows state law. Violators can be ticketed and fined \$100.