

# Town Guidelines for Issuance of Fireworks Permit

Approved by Selectboard and Effective May 18, 2020

## I. Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for issuing fireworks permits within the Town of Hyde Park, including within the Village of Hyde Park. All definitions are those defined herein or in Vermont State or Federal Law.

## II. Scope

The following guidelines apply to all elected and appointed town employees or town officials responsible for reviewing and approving fireworks display permits.

## III. Objective

The Selectboard recognizes that fireworks display provide enjoyment to the community and may inflict undue stress and risk of injury to farm animals. Upon the submission of a fireworks display permit application, the Town will balance the needs of the community through the application review and approval process using these guidelines.

## IV. Guidelines

1. No public display fireworks permit (commercial operations) will be issued that will discharge within the municipal boundaries.

8) **Fireworks Policy** – The Board discussed large commercial public displays that occur close to sensitive areas like farms. Motion by Brian to prohibit public displays in Hyde Park but to continue to issue fireworks permits for consumer displays. Seconded by Roger. Discussion: The Board asked that this policy change be mailed to recent fireworks display applicants to notify them of this change. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

2. The Town Fire Chief is authorized to issue fireworks permits for a “Consumer Grade” (Class C) display with discharges anywhere within the Town of Hyde Park.

End of Guidelines