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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING
FIREWORKS ORDINANCE**

What does Ordinance No. 25.15, Fireworks Ordinance, mean? Ordinance 25.15 states that no person shall ignite discharge or use consumer fireworks except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. Examples include, but are not limited to: **sky rockets, bottle rockets, firecrackers, multiple rocket launchers, sky lanterns, roman candles.**

What days may we use fireworks? State law requires local municipalities to allow fireworks the day before, day of, and day after a national holiday. The State Police have published a bulletin indicating that they are relying on a United States Code section to identify the national holidays as: **New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Washington's Birthday (President's Day), Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.**

Where am I allowed to ignite fireworks on holidays? State law requires fireworks only be ignited from personal property. This means even on the days surrounding the holidays, it is **illegal to ignite fireworks on public property (including streets and sidewalks), school property, church property or another person's property without their express permission.**

What is the fine for setting off fireworks in Lansing Township on days not allowed by Ordinance 25.15? Igniting consumer fireworks is a Municipal Civil Infraction and shall be subject to a civil fine of \$75 for the first violation. For each subsequent violation the fine will double, not to exceed \$500 per violation.

Are there other restrictions and laws I should be aware of? Yes. State law makes it illegal to discharge fireworks when intoxicated. **Also**, Lansing Township has adopted Ordinance 25.16 to comply with House Bill 4743 of 2013, which makes it illegal to discharge fireworks between the hours of 1:00 am and 8:00 am.

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 25.15 and No. 25.16 can be found at www.lansingtowship.org.