



ORDINANCE 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE DISCHARGE AND USE OF FIREWORKS IN MIDWAY CITY

WHEREAS, Utah law authorizes municipalities to regulate the discharge and use of fireworks consistent with state statute; and

WHEREAS, current and anticipated environmental conditions, including drought, high temperatures, low humidity, and the presence of dry vegetation, create a significant risk of fire danger in areas throughout Midway City; and

WHEREAS, the Midway City Council finds that it is necessary and advisable to enact restrictions on the discharge and use of fireworks within Midway City to protect public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Midway City, Utah, as follows:

Section 1. State Law Compliance

Fireworks may be discharged in Midway City only on the dates and during the times permitted by Utah law.

Section 2. Restricted Areas

Notwithstanding Section 1, the discharge and use of fireworks is prohibited at all times within the following areas of Midway City:

1. All areas containing dry vegetation, weeds, brush, or combustible material, including but not limited to undeveloped land, fields, hillsides, and open space;

2. All areas within the wildland-urban interface, including areas adjacent to or in proximity to canyons, foothills, ravines, or other natural areas where fire danger is elevated;
3. All areas where vegetation is overgrown or where fire conditions are deemed hazardous due to drought, weather, or environmental conditions;
4. Any area designated by the Midway City Fire Marshal, Wasatch County Fire District, or other authorized fire official as a hazardous fire area, including areas identified on official maps or through public notice;
5. All areas within the incorporated limits of Midway City, as illustrated on the attached maps, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the City.
6. Fireworks may be discharged on the Memorial Hill by government entities or communities groups with the approval of Midway City.

Section 3. Limited Permitted Areas

Class C fireworks may be discharged only in areas not otherwise restricted by this ordinance and only in compliance with Utah law, subject to the following:

1. Fireworks must be discharged in a safe and reasonable manner;
2. Fireworks may not be discharged within fifty (50) feet of any structure, vehicle, or combustible material;
3. Minors must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian;
4. All debris must be promptly and safely cleaned and disposed of.

Section 4. Fire Marshal Authority

The Midway City Fire Marshal and Wasatch County Fire District are authorized to:

1. Identify and designate hazardous fire areas;
2. Expand or clarify restricted areas based on current conditions;
3. Issue public notices, maps, or other guidance regarding restricted areas.

Section 5. Enforcement

State, county, and city fire officials, as well as law enforcement officers and Midway City personnel, shall have the authority to enforce this ordinance.

Section 6. Penalty

Violation of this ordinance constitutes a Class B misdemeanor.

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after publication or posting or 30 days after final passage by the governing body, whichever is closer to the date of final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Midway City, Wasatch County, Utah
this day of 2026.

Council Member Andy Garland _____
Council Member Lisa Orme _____
Council Member Andrew Osborne _____
Council Member Kevin Payne _____
Council Member JC Simonsen _____

APPROVED:

Craig Simons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brad Wilson, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Corbin Gordon, City Attorney

(SEAL)

Exhibit A

