

Chapter 7

**FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION\***

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\*State law reference—Fire protection generally, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-25-10 et seq.

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL****Sec. 7-1. Fire limits defined.**

The fire limits of the town shall be the town limits.

(Code 1991, § 7-1)

**State law references**—Municipal authority to establish fire limits, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-25-20; municipalities to pass fire limits ordinance, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-25-1110.

**Sec. 7-2. Interfering with firefighting, fire apparatus or equipment.**

No vehicle shall follow any firefighting vehicle or allow his vehicle to be parked within one block, from any direction, of a fire, nor shall any person park or allow to be parked any vehicle within 25 feet of a fire hydrant at any time, or in front of the fire station entrance; nor shall any person run a vehicle or allow his vehicle to be run over a fire hose at any time or interfere in any manner with the fire department in the participation of their duties and whosoever shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be punished in accordance with section 1-12. It is further hereby expressly provided that the fire chief of the volunteer fire department be authorized to arrest any person violating any section of this chapter.

(Code 1991, § 7-2)

**State law references**—Parking near a fire hydrant, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-2530; following fire equipment, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-1960.

**Sec. 7-3. Burning permit.**

(a) *Required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to set fire to or burn any trash, brush or other combustible matter within the town unless a burning permit has been obtained first from the town administrator.

(b) *Fee.* There shall be a fee for the burning permit required by this section which fee shall be set by the council from time to time and shall be on file in the clerk-treasurer's office.

(Code 1991, § 7-3)

**Secs. 7-4—7-20. Reserved.****ARTICLE II. FIREWORKS\*****Sec. 7-21. Discharge of fireworks prohibited in fire limits and on property of public school system.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, fire, shoot or discharge any fireworks and/or explosive of whatever nature within the town except persons may discharge, or explode, any

**\*State law reference**—Fireworks and explosives, S.C. Code 1976, § 23-35-10 et seq.

roman candles, firecrackers, or any class of fireworks, or any explosive compound within the town limits on Christmas Eve Day until January 1 of each calendar year and July 4 within the hours of 10:00 a.m. until midnight.

(Code 1991, § 7-21; Ord. No. 2006-08, § 1, 8-8-2006)

**Sec. 7-22. Public displays.**

(a) *Permit required.* Any person desiring to hold a public display of fireworks shall first secure from the council a written permit to hold such display at least ten days prior to the date of the display. No permit shall be issued to allow any public display of fireworks within the fire limits, or at any location whereby, in the judgment of council, life or property may be endangered.

(b) *Fee.* A fee for a fireworks public display permit may be set by the council from time to time which fee shall be on file in the clerk-treasurer's office.

(Code 1991, § 7-22)

**State law references—**Local permit for fireworks displays, S.C. Code 1976, § 23-35-60; permits and general requirements for fireworks displays, S.C. Code Reg. 71-8305.4.