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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, TITLED "FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING SECTION 7-109, TITLED "FIREWORKS – DISCHARGE PROHIBITED," AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFORE A NEW SECTION 7-109, TITLED "FIREWORKS – DISCHARGE AND SALE PROHIBITED: EXCEPTIONS," TO CLARIFY THE PROHIBITION ON DISCHARGING FIREWORKS BY CONSUMERS AND ALLOWING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS BY PROFESSIONALS WITH PROPER PERMITS IN PLACE.

WHEREAS, City Code §7-109 prohibits the discharge and sale of fireworks, but allows fireworks to be discharged under a permit; and

WHEREAS, this amendment clarifies the permit process for fireworks, which is a State of Tennessee Fire Marshal Office permit process issued in conjunction with the City's Fire Marshal, in an effort to make the ordinance more reader-friendly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Title 7, titled "Fire Protection and Fireworks," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is hereby amended by deleting Section 7-109, titled "Fireworks – Discharge Prohibited," and substituting a new Section 7-109, titled "Fireworks – Discharge and Sale Prohibited; Exceptions," which new section shall read as follows:

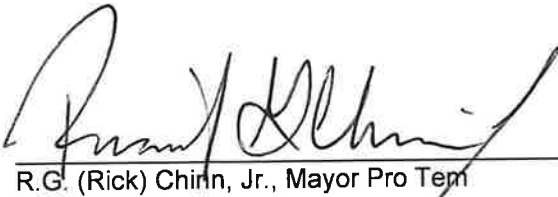
Section 7-109. Fireworks – Discharge and Sale Prohibited; Exceptions.

- (1) Discharge of Fireworks. The discharge of fireworks is prohibited within the City Limits. Exception – It is lawful to discharge fireworks with a permit issued by the State of Tennessee Fire Marshal's Office, in coordination with the City's Fire Marshal, as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated §68-104-102 et seq.
- (2) Sale of Fireworks Prohibited. The sale of fireworks is prohibited within the City Limits.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
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