

**ALPINE TOWNSHIP  
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 13-06**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Alpine Township held at the Township Hall on Monday, August 19, 2013, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the following Ordinance was offered for adoption by Board Member Townsend and was seconded by Board Member M. Wahlfield:

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING FIREWORKS IN ALPINE TOWNSHIP**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF ALPINE ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.     Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed to them:

*Consumer fireworks* means that term as defined in Act No. 256 of the Public Acts of 2011, as amended.

*Low impact fireworks* means that term as defined in Act No. 256 of the Public Acts of 2011, as amended.

**Section 2.     Use of Consumer Fireworks Prohibited.**

(a) No person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks in the Township on a day other than the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday, no person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

A person who violates this Section 2 shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a fine of \$500.

**Section 3.     Offenses Against Property.**

No person shall at any time ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that person or organization's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises, and no person shall cause or permit any debris, remnants, or unburned fragments of consumer fireworks or low impact consumer fireworks to remain on private or public property without the property owner's permission.

**Section 4.     Use of Fireworks by Individuals Under the Influence.**

An individual shall not use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance as defined by MCL 257.1d and MCL 257.8b, as amended.

**Section 5. Firework Safety.**

No person shall recklessly endanger the life, health, safety, or well-being of any person or property by the ignition, discharge, or use of fireworks.

**Section 6. Possession by or Sale to Minor.**

(a) No person shall sell consumer fireworks to a person under the age of 18 years.

(b) No person under the age of 18 years shall ignite, discharge or use any consumer fireworks within the township except while in the presence and under the control of a parent, guardian or other responsible adult.

**Section 7. Miscellaneous Offenses.**

No person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks within the Township except of the type permitted and under the conditions permitted by state law.

**Sections 8. Penalties.**

Except as provided in Section 2, any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by up to ninety (90) days in jail and/or a fine up to \$500.00.

**Section 9. Severability.**


Sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

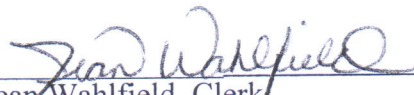
**Section 11. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty days after publication in the manner provided by law.

YEAS: Arends, Cordes, May, Schweitzer, Townsend, M. Wahlfield, and J. Wahlfield  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-06 ADOPTED.**

  
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Alex Arends, Supervisor

  
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Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

Adoption: August 19, 2013  
Publication: August 24, 2013  
Effective Date: September 24, 2013