

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 38-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING WRMC 8.22.060 AUTHORIZING PERSONS AGES 16-17 TO BE
EMPLOYED FOR RETAILS SALES OF FIREWORKS AND AMENDING WRMC
8.22.030 FIREWORKS-DISCHARGE-RULES & REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of West Richland has a fireworks ordinance which allows discharge of all Consumer Fireworks as defined in WRMC 8.22.12.; and

WHEREAS, state law allows persons 16- 17 to work at retail sales fireworks if they are under the direct supervision of an adult; and

WHEREAS, the city code currently allows persons 16-17 to possess, use and discharge fireworks but not to be employed by the permittee in connection with the retail sale of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, for the city code to be consistent it is proposed to allow persons 16-17 to be employed to work under a permittee for the sale of retail fireworks; and

WHEREAS, in recent years there have been several concerns with non-residents of the City of West Richland discharging fireworks within city limits; and

WHEREAS, often times non-residents are discharging fireworks in the City rights-of-way which causes congestion of city streets and a lot of extra work for city staff and crews to clean up; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to restrict the discharge of fireworks to residents of West Richland only unless a non-resident has permission to discharge fireworks on a residents property; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: WRMC Chapter 8.22.060 (A) is hereby amended as follows:

- A. No person under the age of 18 shall be employed by the permittee in connection with the retail sale of fireworks except that persons ages 16-17 may be employed by the permittee with on-site adult supervision.

SECTION 2: Section 8.22.030 is hereby amended to add section H as shown below:

H. It is unlawful for any person to discharge fireworks on the property of another without a proof of permission of the owner of such property. Any rights-of-way adjacent to the owner's property is considered the owner's property for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 3: Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

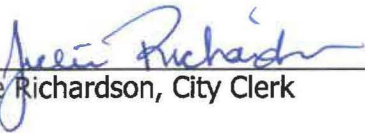
SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days following the date of its publication in the official newspaper of the City. The amendments to WRMC Chapter 8.22 will go into effect December 3, 2020.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND,
WASHINGTON,** this 3rd day of December, 2019.



Brent Gerry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Richardson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Bronson Brown, City Attorney