BYLAW NO. 4-2026

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS

The Council of the District of Lakeland No. 521, in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw shall be referred to as "THE FIREWORKS BYLAW"

PURPOSE AND DEFINITION

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the safe, responsible, and regulated use of fireworks within the District of Lakeland No. 521 by:

    a) regulating fireworks use through designated holiday periods.
    b) establishing a permit system focused on education and accountability, reducing wildfire risk and nuisance impacts.
    c) distinguishing between private and commercial fireworks displays; and applying enhanced requirements only where commercial activity occurs.

DEFINITIONS

2. For this Bylaw, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

    a) **"administrator"-** shall mean the Administrator of the District of Lakeland No. 521.

    b) **"act" –** Shall mean *The Municipalities Act.*

    c) **"commercial or professional fireworks display"** means fireworks discharged for compensation, promotion, or as part of an organized or paid event.

    d) **"designated officer"** shall mean a person who has been assigned duties to administer and or enforce all or part of this bylaw.

    e) **"fire ban"** means any municipal or provincial restriction prohibiting open flame or fire-related activities.

f) **"fireworks"** means consumer or display fireworks regulated under federal or provincial legislation.

g) **"fireworks permit"** means a permit issued by the District authorizing the discharge of fireworks under this Bylaw.

h) **"private fireworks display"** means fireworks discharged for personal, family, or non-commercial purposes.

i) **"temporary business licence"** means a short-term business licence issued by the District for a commercial fireworks display.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

3. No person shall discharge fireworks within the municipality unless:
    i. the fireworks are discharged on a permitted date; and
    ii. valid Fireworks Permit has been issued.

4. No person shall discharge fireworks during a Fire Ban.

PERMITTED DATES

5. Fireworks may only be discharged on the following dates:
    a) Family Day (Friday to Monday)
    b) Victoria Day "May long weekend" (Friday to Monday)
    c) Canada Day (June 30 to July 2)
    d) Saskatchewan Day "August Long Weekend" (Friday to Monday)
    e) Labour Day "September Long Weekend" (Friday to Monday)
    f) New Years (December 31)

6. No fireworks shall be discharged on any other date unless authorized in writing by the Administrator or designate.

FIREWORKS PERMITS

7. A Fireworks Permit is required for all fireworks displays.

8. An application for a Fireworks Permit shall include:
    a) the name and contact information of the applicant;
    b) the civic address or legal land location where fireworks will be discharged;
    c) the date and approximate time of the display; and
    d) whether the display is private or commercial.
    e) proof of insurance for commercial display

9. The permit system is established to identify who is discharging fireworks and where fireworks are being discharged for the purposes of education, enforcement, and complaint response.

PERMIT FEES

10. Commercial or Professional Fireworks Displays: $100.00 per permit.

11. Private Fireworks Displays: No fee shall be charged for private fireworks permits, which are issued for registration and education purposes only.

EDUCATION AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

12. Every permit holder shall acknowledge and comply with the following:

    a) fireworks shall only be discharged on permitted dates;

    b) fireworks shall not be discharged during a Fire Ban;

    c) fireworks shall not be aimed at buildings, people, animals, or vehicles;

    d) safe distances from combustible materials shall be maintained; and

    e) all fireworks debris shall be fully cleaned up following the display.

COMMERCIAL FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

13. No person shall conduct a commercial or professional fireworks display unless they:

    a) hold a valid Fireworks Permit;

    b) have obtained a Temporary Business Licence issued by the District; and

    c) provide proof of a minimum of $2,000,000 third-party liability insurance.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

14. The Administrator or designate may approve, deny, impose conditions on, or revoke a Fireworks Permit.

15. This Bylaw may be enforced by a Designated Officer.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

16. Every person who contravenes any provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on Summary Conviction:

    Fireworks during a Fire Ban – $1,000

    Fireworks without a permit – $750

    Unsafe or non-compliant fireworks discharge – $500

    Failure to clean up fireworks debris – $250

SEVERABILITY

17. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Bylaw is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Bylaw.

COMING INTO FORCE

18. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of final passing.

READ A FIRST TIME this ___ day of _____, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this ___ day of _____, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2026.

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REEVE

(Seal)

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ADMINISTRATOR