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3 **ORDINANCE: Amend Winnebago County General Code Sections 19.18 to Allow Fireworks to be**
4 **utilized on County property with the required local fireworks permits, sufficient**
5 **insurance coverage and the approval of the County Executive**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, annually, the Parks Department hosts on county grounds dozens of events presented by other
9 organizations including the county fair, Lifest, and others; and

10 **WHEREAS**, over the years these events have set off fireworks and other similar displays, even though
11 county code restricts the possession and use of fireworks on all county grounds; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Administration recommends amending Section 19.18 of Winnebago County General
13 Code to allow for fireworks displays on county grounds in narrow circumstances; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the person or organization interested in utilizing fireworks, shall obtain a permit from town,
15 village, or city in which the County property is located, obtain appropriate insurance, and receive written approval from
16 the county.

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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO**
19 **DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

20 That Section 19.18 of the General Code of Winnebago County be revised to state as follows:

21 19.18 FIREWORKS AND ROCKETS: No person shall carry, fire or discharge any torpedo, rocket or other fireworks
22 within any park, County grounds, or recreation trails_ with the exception of model rocket engines. Fireworks may be
23 used when the person or organization:

- 24 1. Complies with Wis. Stat. § 167.10, Regulation of Fireworks;
- 25 2. Obtains required permits from the town, village, or city in which the county property is located and
26 submits written proof of the permit to the department which supervises the county grounds related
27 to the permit;
- 28 3. Provides a certificate of insurance for limits set by the county after consultation with the county's
29 insurance carrier to cover activity permitted by the local jurisdiction; and
- 30 4. Receives written approval from the appropriate department head and the County Executive.

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32 **BE IT FURHTER ORDAINED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said revision to
33 the General Code of Winnebago County shall become effective on the date following the date of
34 publication.

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36 **Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact

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38 Respectfully submitted by:

39 **SUPERVISOR MICHAEL NORTON, DISTRICT 20**

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41 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of members present**

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43 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022

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Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive