

RESOLUTION NO. 25-22

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BOX ELDER FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY AND NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAYS DURING THE YEAR 2025 FOR THE CITY OF BOX ELDER, MEADE COUNTY AND PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, Section 14-104 of the City of Box Elder Municipal Code bans the use or discharge of fireworks as defined in SDCL § 34-37, within the jurisdiction of the City unless allowed by resolution of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota grassland fire danger index is below and is expected to remain below the very high or extreme category in those areas in and around the City of Box Elder, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Box Elder deems that fireworks should be allowed in and around the Fourth of July holiday (July 2nd through July 5th), and New Year's Day (December 31st, 2025, through January 1st, 2026).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Box Elder, that discharge of fireworks will be allowed within the City Limits of the City of Box Elder for the Fourth of July, and New Year's Holiday, as designated in Section 14-104 and SDCL § 34-37. Local fireworks discharge may commence on the following dates and during the following times:

1. July 2, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ceasing at 11:00 p.m.
2. July 3, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ceasing at 11:00 p.m.
3. July 4, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ceasing at 11:00 p.m.
4. July 5, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ceasing at 11:00 p.m.
5. December 31, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ceasing at 1:00 a.m. on January 1, 2026.

Citizens are responsible for all firework discharge clean up. Children, 18 and under, must be supervised by a parent or guardian when discharging fireworks. The parent or guardian is responsible for any liability for the child discharging fireworks. In the event that the grassland fire danger exceeds the "High" level, private or citizen use of fireworks shall be prohibited.

Furthermore, fireworks may be discharged only on private property, with the permission of the landowner. Discharge of fireworks on public property is strictly prohibited.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2025.

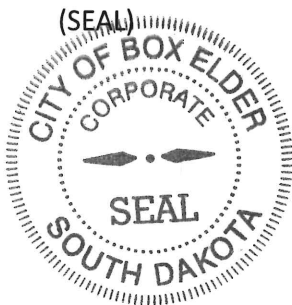
Larry J. Larson

Larry Larson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Baker

Renee Baker, Finance Officer



ATTESTATION

I, Chaz Kokesh, the City Clerk of the City of Box Elder, South Dakota, do hereby attest and state the above resolution was published on May 29, 2025 in the manner required by law and that all procedures required by the State of South Dakota law were complied with. This resolution shall become effective on June 17, 2025.

Chaz Kokesh

Chaz Kokesh, City Clerk