

# Local amendments to the VIRGINIA STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION CODE on permissible fireworks

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Number of Cities	39	State Population:	8,314,565
Counties	95	State Land area:	40,875 sq. mi.
Towns	190		
Total # of localities	324		

## Permissible fireworks allowed in conformance with SFPC as promulgated (minimum).

	# of		Population	%	Land area	%
State Fire Marshal's Office	Cities	4	1,691,910	20.3	25,582.63	62.58
	Counties	62				
	Towns	117				
Sub-Total		<b>182</b>				
Local enforcement areas	Cities	16	422,305	5.08	263.45	0.64
	Counties	23	1,065,617	12.82	10,414.22	25.48
	Towns	58	204,092	2.45	192.659	0.47
	Sub-Total		<b>97</b>	<b>1,692,014</b>	<b>20.35</b>	<b>10,870.329</b>
Total	[86.11%]	<b>279</b>	<b>3,383,924</b>	<b>40.70</b>	<b>36,452.959</b>	<b>89.18</b>

The Code of Virginia allows localities to amend the Statewide Fire Prevention Code to be more restrictive than the state minimum. Based on a February 2008 survey, this chart or list is an attempt to note what localities have or do not have more restrictive provisions in effect as they may relate to "Permissible fireworks".

This chart and list is subject to change. Therefore, the user of this chart and list should confirm or consult with the locality for any changes or differences that may have occurred since the February 2008 survey.

All percentages shown are reflective of the state totals for population or land area.

Overall margin of error: ± 1%

## Permissible fireworks restricted through local SFPC amendments.

	# of		Population	%	Land area	%
State Fire Marshal's Office	Cities	0	0	0	0	0
	Counties	0	0	0	0	0
	Towns	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Local enforcement areas	Cities	18	1,965,105	23.63	1,649.25	4.03
	Counties	8	2,581,516	31.05	2,480.17	6.07
	Towns	14	93,844	1.13	29.002	0.07
	Total	[12.35%]	<b>40</b>	<b>4,640,465</b>	<b>55.81</b>	<b>4,158.422</b>

## Further breakdown of "Permissible fireworks restricted through local SFPC amendments".

	# of	Population	Land area	# of	Population	Land area	# of	Population	Land area
Cities	13	1,747,704 21.0%	1556.45 3.8%	3	71,573 0.9%	18.7 0.05%	2	145,828 1.8%	74.1 0.2%
Counties	4	741,719 8.9%	940.17 2.3%	3	1,711,397 20.6%	1,263 3.0%	1	128,400 1.5%	277 0.7%
Towns	0	0 0%	0 0%	14	93,844 1.1%	29.002 0.08%	0	0 0%	0 0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2,489,423 29.9%</b>	<b>2,496.62 6.1%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,876,814 22.6%</b>	<b>1,310.702 3.2%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>274,228 3.3%</b>	<b>351.4 0.8%</b>

## Unknown

	# of		Population	%	Land area	%
Local enforcement areas with no response to survey	Cities	1	6,303	0.076	4.0	0.01
	Counties	2	282,249	3.39	453.5	1.11
	Towns	1	1,400	0.017	2.2	0.005
Total	[1.2%]	<b>4</b>	<b>289,952</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>459.7</b>	<b>1.12</b>

Information is based on the SFMO internet posting of the Fire Officials Directory dated July 25, 2011 and the population and land area figures as contained in the 2009 edition of the Virginia Review.

(\*) In the absence of documents or copy of local ordinance to the contrary, assumes county provides SFPC enforcement to pre-1971 towns, incorporated towns, or portions of towns within a county's boundaries.

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Accomac	Town	See Accomack County	X			547 / 0.4		
Accomack	County	David Fluhart	X				38,180 / 476	
Albemarle	County	J. Dan Eggleston	X				90,806 / 726	
Alexandria	City	Rudolph Thomas		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			132,700 / 15.75
Altavista	Town	See Campbell County	X			3,425 / 5.0		
Amherst	County	Gary M. Roakes	X				32,139 / 470	
Amherst (*)	Town	See Amherst County	X			2,251 / 4.92		
Appomattox	County	Lonny Hamlett	X				13,705 / 343	
Appomattox (*)	Town	See Appomattox Co	X			1,761 / 2.18		
Arlington	County	Michael Woodson					← ←	
Ashland	Town	See Hanover County	X			7,200 / 7.18		
Bedford	City	Jimmy English	X					6,299 / 6.81
Bell Haven	Town	See Accomack County	X			620 / 1.51		
Big Stone Gap	Town	Charles B. Burke, Jr.	X			5,906 / 4.9		
Blacksburg	Town	Wayne Garst	X			45,000 / 19.7		
Bloxom	Town	See Accomack County	X			395 / 0.32		
Boones Mill	Town	See Franklin County	X			300 / 0.74		
Bridgewater (*)	Town	See Rockingham Co	X			5,500 / 2.5		
Bristol	City	Eric Blevins	X					17,367 / 11
Broadway (*)	Town	See Rockingham Co	X			3,300 / 2.4		
Brookneal (*)	Town	See Campbell County	X			1,259 / 4.0		

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Campbell	County	Randall Johnson	X				51,078 / 511.13	
Cape Charles	Town	Jeb Brady	X			972 / 3.67		
Charlottesville	City	William A. Hogston		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			45,049 / 10.0
Chatham	Town	See Pittsylvania County	X			1,338 / 2.04		
Chesapeake	City	Michael X. Hoag		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			203,738 / 353
Chesterfield	County	J. Robert Dawson		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.		314,000 / 446.41	
Chincoteague (*)	Town	See Accomack Co				3,906 / 9.59		
Christiansburg	Town	Billy Hanks	X			17,853 / 13.88		
Clifton	Town	See Fairfax County		X		285 / 0.26		
Colonial Heights	City	A G Moore	X					16,897 / 8.2
Covington	City	R. Wayne Irby			6303 / 4.0			← ←
Cumberland	County	Kevin Ingle	X				9,017 / 292	
Danville	City	David Eagle		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			45,152 / 44.1

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Dayton (*)	Town	See Rockingham Co	X			1,600 / 1.25		
Dinwiddie	County	Tony Williams	X				24,533 / 501.3	
Dublin	Town	Robert D Cecil	X			2,288 / 1.34		
Dumfries	Town	See Prince William County		X		5,000 / 1.6		
Draper	Town	See Pulaski County			No information in Va. Review – Included in County.			
Edinburg	Town	See Shenandoah County	X			925 / 0.78		
Elkton (*)	Town	See Rockingham Co	X			2,885 / 2.96		
Emporia	City	Randy Pearce	X					5,700 / 6.6
Fairfax	City	Andrew S. Wilson		X	Test requirement for approval of permissible fireworks before sale for use; limited season.			22,407 / 6.3
Fairfax	County	Ronald Mastin		X	Test requirement for approval of permissible fireworks before sale for use.		1,037,311 / 395	
Falls Church	City	Thomas Polera		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			11,400 / 2.2
Farmville	Town	Timothy McKay	X			6,845 / 7.2		
Fauquier	County	Thomas Billington	X				66,328 / 701.6	
Franklin	County	Bennie Russell	X				52,841 / 701.6	
Frederick	County	Dennis Linaburg					← ←	
Fredericksburg	City	Parris K Sachs	X					21,200 / 10.4

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Goochland	County	William McKay	X				20,000 / 295	
Greensville	County	Charles Veliky	X				11,560 / 300	
Gretna	Town	See Pittsylvania County	X			1,300 / 1.019		
Gottoes (*)	Town	See Rockingham Co	X			2,200 / 1.33		
Hallwood	Town	See Accomack County	X			290 / 0.24		
Hamilton	Town	See Loudoun County		X		562 / 0.21		
Hampton	City	Maurice Wilson		X	Only sparklers allowed without permit.			146,878 / 56
Hanover	County	M. Judson Flournoy	X				102,103 / 471	
Harrisonburg	City	Larry Shifflett		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			44,500 / 17.394
Haymarket (*)	Town	See Prince William Co		X		1,150 / 0.5		
Henrico	County	W. David Seay		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.		302,518 / 244.06	
Henry	County	Rodney Howell	X				53,869 / 385	
Herndon	Town	See Fairfax County		X		23,476 / 4.22		
Hillsboro	Town	See Loudoun County		X		112 / 0.09		
Hopewell	City	John Tunstall, Jr	X					22,630 / 11.0
Hurt	Town	See Pittsylvania County	X			1,276 / 2.73		

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James City	County	John Black		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.		60,000 / 144.1	
Jarrett	Town	See Greensville County	X			620 / 1.27		
Keller	Town	See Accomack County	X			173 / 0.34		
Kenbridge	Town	Richard Harris	X			1,300 / 1.86		
King George	County	David Moody	X				16,800 / 180	
King William	County	Position vacant (Trent Funkhouser)	X				13,146 / 285.7	
Leesburg	Town	See Loudoun County		X		38,035 / 12.5		
Lexington	City	Steve Paulk		X	Only sparklers allowed without permit.			7,000 / 2.6
Loudoun	County	Linda Hale		X	Restricted sales season.		283,315 / 520	
Lovettsville	Town	See Loudoun County		X		850 / 0.87		
Lynchburg	City	Gregory Wormser	X					65,269 / 50.0
Manassas	City	Francis Teevan		X	Amendments on sales.			36,666 / 10.0
Manassas Park	City	Mark Joyner		X	Test requirement for approval of permissible fireworks before sale for use.			12,500 / 2.4
Martinsville	City	Ted Anderson	X					14,945 / 11.2
McKenny	Town	See Dinwiddie County	X			482 / 0.74		
Melfa	Town	See Accomack County	X			560 / 2.0		
Middleburg	Town	See Loudoun County		X		650 / 1.0		

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Middletown	Town	Fred Wharton	X			1,250 / 0.90								
Mount Jackson	Town	See Shenandoah Co.	X			1,870 / 3.2								
Mt. Crawford (*)	Town	See Rockingham Co	X			254 / 0.33								
New Kent	County	E. Thomas Hicks, IV	X						18,104 / 221					
New Market	Town	See Shenandoah Co.	X			1,845 / 2.08								
Newport News	City	R. Lee Ware, Jr.		X	Permit required for the use of permissible fireworks.								187,200 / 69.0	
Norfolk	City	Roger Burris - Interim		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.								236,092 / 66.0	
Occoquan (*)	Town	See Prince William Co		X		759 / 0.16								
Onancock (*)	Town	See Accomack Co	X			1,525 / 1.0								
Onley	Town	See Accomack County	X			471 / 0.82								
Painter	Town	See Accomack County	X			250 / 0.63								
Pamplin City (*)	Town	See Appomattox Co for those portions within Appomattox Co	X			199 / 0.30								
Parksley	Town	See Accomack County	X			837 / 0.61								
Petersburg	City	Rufus Atkins	X										33,740 / 23.4	
Pittsylvania	County	Steven M. Bowman	X						61,745 / 982.89					
Poquoson	City	Robert Holloway	X										11,988 / 14.7	
Portsmouth	City	Mike Stockton		X	Total ban of permissible								100,676 / 30.0	
Powhatan	County	W. Kevin Zoll	X						27,550 / 272					

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Prince George	County	Julie Walton	X				36,647 / 276	
Prince William	County	C. Hadden Culp		X	Test requirement for approval of permissible fireworks before sale for use; restricted sales season.		390,771 / 348	
Pulaski	Town	Timothy Garwood	X			9,232 / 7.81		
Purcellville	Town	See Loudoun County		X		6,884 / 2.872		
Quantico	Town	See Prince William County		X		560 / 0.07		
Radford	City	Lee Simpkins	X					15,859 / 9.63
Remington	Town	See Fauquier County	X			650 / 0.22		
Richmond	City	David C. Creasy		X				200,123 / 62.5
Ridgeway (*)	Town	See Henry County	X			775 / 0.93		
Roanoke	City	Daniel J. Rakes	X					94,911 / 43.0
Roanoke	County	Gary Huffman	X				90,482 / 251	
Rockingham	County	Robert Symons	X				74,100 / 853	
Rocky Mount (*)	Town	See Franklin County	X			4,756 / 6.4		
Round Hill	Town	See Loudoun County		X		521 / 0.21		
Salem	City	Doug Moore	X					25,000 / 14.31
Saxis	Town	See Accomack County	X			325 / 3.1		
Scottsville (*)	Town	See Albemarle County for those portions within Albemarle Co	X			555 / 1.54		
Shenandoah	County	David A. Ferguson	X				40,051 / 512	
South Boston	Town	Dwight Spangler	X			8,500 / 12.22		
Spotsylvania	County	R. Chris Eudailey	X				120,833 / 407	

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Staunton	City	R. Scott Garber	X					23,500 / 19.7
Stephens City	Town	See Frederick County				←←		
Strasburg	Town	See Shenandoah County	X			6,000 / 3.5		
Suffolk	City	James Dickens		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			81,209 / 430
Tangier (*)	Town	See Accomack County	X			558 / 0.25		
The Plains	Town	See Fauquier County	X			266 / 0.26		
Timberville (*)	Town	See Rockingham Co	X			2,300 / 1.18		
Toms Brook	Town	See Shenandoah County	X			248 / 1.0		
Vienna	Town	See Fairfax County		X		15,000 / 4.44		
Vinton	Town	See Roanoke County	X			7,782 / 3.17		
Virginia Beach	City	James Ramsey		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			438,415 / 258.7
Wachapreague	Town	See Accomack County	X			211 / 4.26		
Warrenton	Town	Robert Hale	X			9,500 / 4.24		

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West Point (*)	Town	See King William Co	X			2,900 / 5.2		
Williamsburg	City	James B. Humphrey		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.			13,400 / 9.2
Winchester	City	Scott Cullers	X					26,000 / 9.3
Woodstock	Town	See Shenandoah County	X			3,952 / 3.25		
Wytheville	Town	Albert Newberry	X			7,804 / 14.27		
York	County	Steve Koczynski		X	Total ban of permissible fireworks; like large displays, can only be used if permit is obtained.		65,200 / 105.6	

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