



## BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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### Ordinance Committee Meeting DRAFT for 7/25/2024

**Members attending:** Brandon Williams, Mike Thomas, Shelly Sercombe, Phil Preston. **Absent:** Rachel Johnson

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1. Approve minutes from 6/20/2024 - unanimously approved.
2. Comments regarding first read: Disorderly Persons, Large Event ( Special Event ) and Blight. – non received to date.
3. Review of Fireworks supplied by Eric White, Attorney. Discussion as follows:

E code (web site ) for Fireworks and the proposed replacement was shared for comparison.

- a. Under proposed Section V, 1. K.

“Consumer fireworks shall only be used in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws” –  
**could we & should we stipulate a distance from another’s property or persons, even for commercial level?**

- b. **Further Question from the Chair Person ( Phil Preston)**

-I believe there should be a link between special events & fireworks, particularly display fireworks. I recommend that the ordinance section on Display fireworks should require a Special Event / Large Gather application for safety reasons, and for the likely impact to many people, including those not in attendance, even when under the specified number of 250. I will review with Eric, and bring back to the committee at the next O C meeting.

-This would imply that the *form for Large* even applications should be for *Large and Special Events*.

-Ensure that the Large & Special Event *TOWNSHIP* form be required, along with the form from the State of Michigan, which we also must provide.

Discussion also occurred regarding fireworks that exceeded the time & dates per state law. No recommendations made.

4. **Draft of our current Cemetery was reviewed. Discussion as follows:**

Red mark-ups generally accepted. The Committee continues to feel a deference to the Clerk’s office on complex issues, leaving some discession. Example: On the issue of qualified family, (§57-4 B ) suggest adding wording allowing Clerk’s decision as to who qualifies. And suggest “**other family arrangements as determined by the Clerk**”. Example: **unmarried partner of many years?**

-The size of the burial urns (§57-7, G 0 needs to be clarified. If it to be a 12 inch square or cube? A 12 inch square could be 6 feet long.

Reported by Phil Preston.

Next meeting Tentatively August 22, 5:30.

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