

PUBLIC NOTICES

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ORDINANCE NO. 462

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 401 AND ORDINANCE NO. 454, REGULATING THE USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BEULAH, MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEULAH, MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

**FIREWORKS DEFINED.** The term 'fireworks' shall be defined as set forth in § 23-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, including any future revisions thereto.

**SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS PROHIBITED, EXCEPTIONS.**

No person in the City shall offer or exhibit for sale or use or explode any fireworks without the permission of the city governing body or pursuant to the provisions herein.

Only persons, firms, or corporations having operated a retail business within the City of Beulah, wherein merchandise was assessed by the local taxing authority, on April 1st immediately preceding thereto, and having a retail license as provided in § 23-15-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, may offer for sale or sell at retail within the city limits of the City of Beulah, to persons as provided herein.

Sale and use of fireworks shall be limited to those permitted for retail sale and during those times provided by § 23-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, except that the use or explosion of fireworks commonly known as bottle rockets is prohibited.

No person shall discharge any fireworks that cannot be readily purchased locally or any commercial fireworks that require a license to purchase.

The explosion of fireworks permitted by this ordinance shall be prohibited except between the hours of:

12:00 P.M. (noon) – 12:00 A.M. (midnight) on July 3rd, 4th and 5th of each year;

1:00 P.M. December 31st – 1:00 A.M. January 1st each year; and/or

Pursuant to a Special Fireworks Discharge Zone Permit, as provided below.

The explosion of fireworks is strictly prohibited when there is a burn ban in place.

All rubbish related to fireworks shall be cleaned up on or before July 6th of each year.

**CITY LICENSING PROCEDURE.** Any person engaging in the sale of fireworks, pursuant to this ordinance, and located within the jurisdiction of the ordinances of the City of Beulah, shall first obtain a permit from the City of Beulah, which said permit shall allow the sale of fireworks during the year of issue, and as specified in this ordinance. Said permit shall be issued for a fee, as set by Resolution of City Council, and shall be obtained from the City Auditor of the City.

**SPECIAL FIREWORKS DISCHARGE ZONE PERMIT.** A special fireworks discharge zone permit may

be obtained from the City of Beulah, with approval of City Council for the display/discharge of fireworks. Such permit shall be issued for a fee, as set by Resolution of the City Council.

Pursuant to § 23-15-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, a permit may be obtained from the City of Beulah for public displays of fireworks by cities, fair associations, amusement parks, and other organizations when an application is made at least fifteen days in advance of the display to the City Auditor. The above limitations on the dates for use of fireworks shall not apply to such displays, if approved by City Council.

Other groups and individuals may obtain a permit for the display/discharge of fireworks in the Special Fireworks Discharge Zone by submitting an application at least fifteen days in advance of the display to the City Auditor.

The Special Fireworks Discharge Zone shall be designated by City Council.

Permits may be issued for display/discharge of fireworks in scheduled hourly increments between June 27th – July 5th of each year.

**RECKLESS DISCHARGE.** It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or use fireworks in a reckless manner which creates a substantial risk of physical injury or death to another person or damage to the property of another. Violation of this section shall be a non-criminal offense with a set fine to be set by resolution of the City Council.

**PENALTY SECTION.** Violation of this Ordinance will be considered an offense, except as provided for Malicious Discharge, for which a maximum penalty of thirty (30) days imprisonment, a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), or both may be imposed.

**ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in full force immediately upon its final passage and publication of its title and penalty clause.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2025.  
Sean Cheatley, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO CUT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

We will be cutting one full pass approximately 10-12 feet along the shoulders of all Mercer County Roadways, starting June 15, 2025.  
(06-18-2025, 06-25-2025)

thrash (the entire area) on the 20th," Jeff said. "It's like a T.V. show-like extreme makeover in 48 hours."

Though the event could be moved to another weekend, the Gooss' wanted to keep the June 21 schedule owing to the number of people expected to come, which, Jeff said, when transporting people with adaptive needs, it's a thoroughly planned out process.

"We have kids coming from all over, even from Nebraska," he said. "So as much as we could extend the event out another week, I don't want to do that because with the parents and these kids, they really had to plan to make it here. Since they already had their arrangements set, we decided we're making this work."

With a couple of their construction contracts held up, Jeff said several local entities have responded.

"Because of these tight timelines, the excavation company was unable to fit it in their schedule," he said.

"Thankfully, Todd Kollman from Kollman Construction, a local construction company, jumped at the opportunity to help his community. Our resident handrail builder is stuck at his plant on an outage and is unable to build the railing. Hazen Welding didn't hesitate to take on the job. They even offered to paint them for us. Without these two guys, we were dead in the water."

Wheelchairs & Walleyes at Hazen Bay has a full schedule for the day, starting with a color guard and call out at 8:20 a.m. Invited to the event are city and county leaders as well as North Dakota Governor Kelly Armstrong. Registration is free of charge.

A ribbon cutting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. and boats will begin loading up at 9:30 a.m.

The event includes a free lunch and fun, interactive stations such as inflatables, face painting, temporary tattoos, bubble guns and music provided by a D.J.

Boats will return to weigh in any catches by 1:30 p.m. and an award ceremony will be held at 2 p.m.

According to Wheelchairs & Walleye, each registrant will be paired with a professional fisherman who "has first-hand knowledge of the body of water, the boat being used and all of the boating safety regulations." A guardian can go along, as well.

All fishing equipment will be provided for registrants and no fishing experience is necessary to enjoy the day.



**SUBMITTED PHOTO | WHEELCHAIRS & WALLEYES FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
The inaugural Wheelchairs & Walleyes Fishing Tournament was held at Beulah Bay in Beulah August 2024, where a lift structure was installed to transport people with adaptive needs from the dock to a boat to provide a genuine experience of fishing from the water. Pictured here is Aubrey Eckroth of Bismarck being lifted into a boat during last year's event.

Regular fishing boats and pontoons will be available.

GETTING 'HOOKED' ACROSS THE COUNTRY

With its success of last year's event at Beulah Bay, the Gooss' looked to expand the event by holding it at other communities, as well, including Hazen Bay and Devils Lake, where a lift structure was also installed. Though the actual fishing part of the June 8 event at Devils Lake was canceled owing to inclement weather, festivities (which included everything but fishing) were still enjoyed the next day.

Wheelchairs & Walleyes received statewide recognition in April, when the Gooss' were awarded the North Dakota Governor Award's Firestarter Award, which showcases unique events in the state. The award was handed out to the Gooss' at North Dakota Travel Industry's annual conference, held at the State Fair Grounds in Minot.

Jeff said national attention has swelled recently, as well, with he and Jennifer to visit Buffalo, N.Y. soon, as organizations there are eager to book a Wheelchairs & Walleyes Fishing Tournament by next summer.

"It's taken off much more than we anticipated," Jeff said. "As of right now, we have eight confirmed locations across the country booked for next year, including one in Montana and one in upstate New York (Buffalo). This organization has really skyrocketed."

Seeing the vision of Wheelchairs & Walleyes come to realization is one

thing, but seeing it grow has been even more unexpected and exciting, Jennifer said.

"I am so proud that we have been able to take Jeff's vision and turn it into this sort of movement that communities throughout North Dakota and around the country are getting behind," she said. "I am grateful for the support we have received, the committees and other volunteers, helping us in all aspects of the projects. The contractors, anglers, companies and individuals (have been) willing to donate their time, funds and services to bring these projects to fruition."

The Gooss' are even getting a marketing boost by popular anglers who have been involved with the Gooss' Dakota Walleye Challenge organization. Jeff said he was recently contacted by professional angler and national Walleye Tour champion Thom Huynh, who wanted to help spread the word about Wheelchairs & Walleyes.

"We've been so busy with this that we don't even have time to mow our own lawn," laughed Jeff.

Jennifer said the hard work is all worth it knowing what the true meaning of the event is about.

"We work as hard as we do on Wheelchairs & Walleyes and its projects because we truly believe in the cause," she said. "We have witnessed first-hand the impact it has on so many individuals. The ability to make one of our favorite hobbies – fishing – available or easier for others is truly rewarding."

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