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WHEREAS: The unrestricted use of consumer fireworks constitutes a danger to the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS: Unrestricted use of consumer fireworks may cause injuries to members of the public; and

WHEREAS: Unrestricted use of consumer fireworks disturbs the peaceful use and enjoyment of property by Rockport residents; and

WHEREAS: The Indiana State legislature has provided that a municipality may adopt an ordinance concerning the use of consumer fireworks within its corporate limits, and

WHEREAS: The City Of Rockport desires to limit and regulate the use of consumer fireworks within its corporate limit.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the common council for the City of Rockport as follows:

SECTION ONE. Regulation of Consumer Fireworks

A. Definition – "Consumer fireworks"

For purposes of this ordinance consumer fireworks shall mean consumer fireworks as defined by Indiana code Section 22-11-14-1.

B. Days and Hours of Use:

- Between the hours of 5:00 pm and two hours after sunset on June 29<sup>TH</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>; July 1<sup>st</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>;
- 2) Between the hours of 10:00 am and twelve midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>; and;
- 3) Between the hours of 10:00 am on December 31<sup>st</sup> and 1:00 am on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. The use, ignition or discharge of consumer fireworks other than during the above time periods shall constitute an infraction and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 per offense.

2. An emergency is declared requiring the immediate effectiveness of this ordinance. It shall be effective immediately following posting in accordance with Indiana Code 36-5-2-10 and publication pursuant to Indiana Code.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA. This the 25th, day of July, 2007.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THIE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA By: Røberta Gilley, President, Dean Frakes, Councilperson 

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