

TOWN OF WINCHESTER
ORDINANCE 2016-2

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF SKY LANTERNS

WHEREAS Sky (floating) lanterns are inherently dangerous in that they may come down in any location, thereby injuring person or property, including causing an uncontrolled fire to occur;

WHEREAS it is appropriate and within the police power of the Town to protect its residents and the properties located within the Town from dangerous activities such as the use of sky lanterns;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED as follows:

1. "Sky lanterns," also known as "sky candles," "floating lanterns," "Chinese lanterns," or "Kongming lanterns," are small hot air balloons commonly made of paper or other combustible material with an opening at the bottom where a small fire is suspended. For purposes of this ordinance, "sky lanterns" shall not include hot air balloons piloted by human beings, weather balloons or any lantern that is tethered so as to not become free floating.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or launch any sky lanterns as defined herein, within the Town of Winchester.
3. Any person who shall violate, fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions herein shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) plus court costs. Each day that a prohibited activity takes place shall constitute a separate offense.

This Ordinance is adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Winchester on the 20TH day of JUNE, 2016, to be effective the day after posting or publication as required under Section 60.80, Wisconsin Statutes.

Aye: 3
Nay: 0

By: Lawrence C. Kriescher
Lawrence Kriescher, Chairperson

Glen Mathison
Glen Mathison, Supervisor

Benjamin Joas
Benjamin Joas, Supervisor

Attested to and entered in to the
Minutes by Holly Stevens, Clerk
Town of Winchester, Winnebago Co., WI

Date: 06/20/2016

Holly Stevens
Holly Stevens, Clerk