

Ordinances used for Fireworks Enforcement as of June 26, 2013

Consumer Fireworks (see attachment for definitions and pictures)

Consumer fireworks are only legal to use on the defined 10 holidays and the day before and the day after that holiday between the hours of 8am – 1am. Any other times, they are “illegal to ignite, discharge or use.” This is a violation of city [ordinance 11-17 \(b\) or \(c\)](#) depending on the time of use.

- A violation of section (b) is a 90 day misdemeanor and/or a \$500 fine.
- A violation of section (c) is a Class III municipal civil infraction.

Section (b) is the use of consumer fireworks outside the 30 days designated as holidays.

Section (c) is the use of consumer fireworks between 1am- 8am during the 30 days designated as holidays.

Low Impact Fireworks (see attachments for definitions and pictures)

These types of fireworks are legal to use year around but are subject to be in violation of our city noise [ordinance 19-5](#). We can cite for the use of these types of fireworks at any time throughout the year if they are creating a disturbance - EXCEPT for between 8am – 1am during the 30 days designated as holidays ([see 19-6 \(g\)\(3\)](#)). They are exempt from the city noise ordinance during this time frame. The reason for this is to keep the enforcement of fireworks consistent for both consumer and low impact fireworks.

The noise violations created by “low impact fireworks” will be enforced by using the [19-5 \(k\)](#) which is a Class I civil infraction.

The easy answer is that for this 4th of July holiday, all fireworks can be used on July 3, 4 and 5 between 8am – 1am. Any consumer firework or firework that creates a noise cannot be used outside that time frame.

Supporting Documents

 [Types of Pyrotechnics](#)

 [Ordinance 19-5/6](#)

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