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City of El Paso Reminds Residents: Fireworks Are Illegal Within City Limits

EL PASO, Texas — As Independence Day approaches, the City of El Paso is reminding the public that fireworks are strictly prohibited within city limits—and come with serious consequences, including injury, property damage, and fire danger.

Under Ordinance No. 019521, it is illegal to sell, use, or possess fireworks in the City of El Paso. Violations may result in a Class C Misdemeanor citation, with fines typically around \$191 and up to \$500 depending on the judge's discretion.

"Fireworks can cause devastating harm—from severe burns and loss of fingers to structure fires that threaten entire neighborhoods," said El Paso Fire Chief Jonathan Killings. "We've seen how quickly a single spark can lead to tragedy. Please don't risk your safety, your property, or your neighbors' lives. Leave fireworks to the professionals."

Beyond physical injuries, fireworks are a significant fire hazard in dry conditions. Even a small firework or sparkler can ignite grass, brush, or rooftops, potentially leading to structure fires, vehicle fires, or larger-scale incidents.

Unlawful fireworks use may also be investigated as criminal mischief or arson, depending on the outcome and intent. Law enforcement will be monitoring for illegal fireworks activity across the City throughout the July 4th weekend.

Additional Safety Reminder: Protect Your Pets

The City also urges residents to be mindful of their pets during the holiday. Loud fireworks and outdoor gatherings can cause animals to panic and run away. El Paso Animal Services encourages residents to:

- Keep pets indoors during fireworks,
- Ensure pets wear ID tags, and
- Check that microchip information is up to date.

For resources on free microchipping and lost pet recovery, visit [ElPasoAnimalServices.org](https://elpasoanimal.com).

To report illegal fireworks activity, please contact the City's non-emergency line at (915) 832-4400 or call 3-1-1.

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