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FIREWORKS RESTRICTED AREAS, 2019

In anticipation of fireworks season preparations, we are sending this information as a reference for legislative bodies in efforts to assure compliance with Utah Code Title 15A-5-202. Specifically regarding fireworks and designating restricted areas. The law covers - Controlled use of ignition sources including fireworks, lighters, sky lanterns, matches, and smoking materials.

Link to the Utah fireworks law.

https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title15A/Chapter5/15A-5-S202.5.html?v=C15A-5-S202.5_2018050820180508

Please review your fireworks restricted areas for accuracy, readily identifiable features for boundaries, and proper alignment. Subject to weather and fire conditions creating a hazardous environmental condition, we do not anticipate significant changes to last years restricted areas. (http://www.unifiedfire.org/stations/fireworks_restrictions_map.asp)

Some key points to remember:

- Each municipal legislative body must, before May 1 of each year the defined area is closed, provide a map to the county in which the defined area is located. (Coordinated with UFA Emergency Management and Fire Prevention Divisions)
- The county must have a map in place before June 1st, available to the public and fireworks vendors indicating restricted areas.
- The map published will be the same historical fireworks restrictions map for the county areas as last year, 2018, subject to changes/adjustments received in accordance with Title 15A-5-202.

Other items of importance:

- Discharge time for fireworks discharge changed:
 - Day before, day of, and 2 days after July 4th and 24th.
(Changed from 14 day window to 8 days for discharge.)
- Provide a county wide map on county website before June 1st.
- Provides strict liability for negligence, reckless or intentional conduct for damage caused by fire:
 - In prohibited or non-prohibited area
 - Within times of allowed discharge
- Clarifies areas where cities can restrict fireworks discharge.
- Persons guilty of an infraction if: (up to \$1,000 fine)
 - Discharge of fireworks outside of legal dates.
 - Discharge of fireworks in an area where fireworks are prohibited.

Please feel free to contact your UFA Liaison or our office for any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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