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Layton City Enacts Partial Ban on Aerial Fireworks

LAYTON – In a pro-active approach to preventing wildfires during these extreme fire conditions, the Fire Department is enacting a restriction on the use of approved aerial fireworks in portions of Layton City. Fireworks will be available for sale at different locations throughout the city on June 23rd but the discharge dates are July 1 through July 7, and again on July 21 through July 27. The hours of discharge are from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, with extension to midnight on July 4th and July 24th.

The affected areas of this ban include the following:

East of 2000 E. from the south city limits to Cherry Lane.

East of Fairfield Rd. north of Cherry Lane to Church St.

East of Church St. from Fairfield Rd. to Highway 193

North of Hwy 193 both sides of Church St.

East of 2400 E. from Highway 193 to the north city limits

North of 3450 N. to the city limits, east of 2000 E.

All fireworks are prohibited east of Highway 89 based on the 2004 City Ordinance.

Layton City Code 9.64.150 allows the Fire Chief, during adverse fire conditions, to prohibit the use of fireworks in other parts of the city. These restrictions are allowed with the passage of State Fire Code Act 15A-5-202.5(i).

A map of the restricted areas will be posted on the city website at <http://www.laytoncity.org/flexviewer/Fireworks/>

Layton City has opened up the use of Andy Adams and Sandridge Parks for the safe use of approved aerial fireworks during the legal discharge period. This great alternative has been embraced as a positive and fun thing for the public. Doug Bitton, Layton Fire Departments Public Information Officer said "I visited these two parks on occasions last year and asked the public how they enjoyed this option and many expressed how fun it was to watch all the fireworks instead of just their own." The Parks department does ask that all fireworks tubes and materials be collected by the users. Bitton reminds the public to first place the fireworks discards in a bucket of water overnight then placed in appropriate trash receptacles.

The Fire Department and Police Department will be enforcing a 'zero tolerance' policy for illegal fireworks within the city limits. "Our staff spent a great deal of time to provide a thorough risk assessment to determine which areas are truly of concern" says Layton City Fire Chief Kevin Ward. "The 'fuel loading' as we call it is at extremely high level, coupled with very low fuel moisture. We anticipate seeing late July fire season conditions due to the semi-arid area we live in". Single shot mortars, roman candles, bottle rocks and firecrackers are still prohibited. The Fire Department will be inspecting firework sales locations to ensure only legal fireworks are sold. "Just because some fireworks are legal, it does not mean that they can be used without incurring some risk. People need to follow safety precautions and watch their children closely", says Ward. "We still encourage leaving the firework displays to the professional shows".

It is also a reminder that Layton City Ordinance title 9 prohibits the use and release of Sky Lanterns. Citizens with questions are encouraged to call the Layton City Fire Department at (801) 336-3940.

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