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West Jordan City Restricts Fireworks in Some Areas of the City

(West Jordan, UT) – West Jordan City is prohibiting the use of an ignition source, including fireworks, lighters and matches, in certain areas of the city (see list below and attached maps). {West Jordan city code 6-2-5} It is a Class B Misdemeanor to violate these restrictions and may result in penalties of up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. {West Jordan city code 6-2-2}. We will be providing extra patrols and assisting our police department with the enforcement of these restrictions.

Restricted areas include:

1. All areas west of U-111 (Bacchus Highway) within West Jordan City limits.
2. All areas within 200 feet of the Jordan River Parkway Trail east of 1300 West.
3. All areas within 200 feet of the area commonly referred to as Clay Hollow Wash that run east and west in the area of 7800 South (approximately 4800 West to U-111).
4. All areas within 200 feet of Bingham Creek, located near Old Bingham Highway running the length of the east/west boundaries within West Jordan.
5. All city parks, unless a permit has been obtained for a professional display.

Fire Chief Marc McElreath cited the intense spring rain as contributing to the extreme growth of grass and weeds. This followed a mild winter, which failed to break down last year's crop and now we have a jump up in temperatures. "The conditions quickly dry out grass and weeds, creating a large fuel load and potentially significant fire danger," McElreath said

Salt Lake County has consistently designated lands in the unincorporated areas of the county that are consistent with these restrictions. "These restrictions are in place to help keep people and property safe," said McElreath. "We encourage people to attend the city's professional fireworks show in Veterans Memorial Park on July Fourth at 10 p.m."

The Fire Department will continue to monitor environmental conditions throughout the rest of the city for possible additional fireworks restrictions.

Personal fireworks are not allowed in city parks but may be discharged according to state code between the dates of July 1-7 and July 21-27 in non-restricted areas. Salt Lake County Health rules restrict noise between 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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