IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT For All Dearborn Residents

The Dearborn Board of Aldermen announces: Ground based fireworks will be allowed in Dearborn for this Independence holiday.

It is important you read this entire announcement.

1. The open window for fireworks will begin at 10am on June 27th and will end at 10pm on July 5th.

2. In the open window, fireworks will be permitted daily between the hours of 10am and 10pm. Use of any fireworks outside of these hours is strictly prohibited to allow residents to be able to sleep.

3. The type of fireworks which are permitted are those which are designed to stay on the ground. The type which are not permitted are everything else: in general, these are those which are designed to shoot a projectile through the air, and those which are designed to fly through the air.

Examples of permitted fireworks:
* Firecrackers (but not M-80s and equivalent)
* Rolling tanks / cars
* Fountains
* Sparklers
* Smoke bombs
* Snakes

Examples of fireworks which are not permitted:
* Artillery Shells / Bad Bombs
* Parachutes
* Roman Candles
* "Aerial Luminaire" (a balloon lifted by heat from a flame)
* Buzz Bombs
* Rockets / Bottle Rockets
* Anything not allowed by county and state law
* Also: Don’t shoot your gun (this falls under discharge of a firearm in the city)

These are just examples, not complete lists of everything that is and is not permitted. If you are issued a citation by law enforcement for shooting an illegal firework, the final determination will be made by the municipal judge and their interpretation of the ordinance regulating fireworks. The penalty for a violation is unchanged. Parents/guardians, you are responsible for the actions of your children.

Your best bet is: **If it leaves the ground, don’t buy it.**

Where there is a discrepancy between this announcement and the ordinance, the wording in the ordinance shall prevail. (See back of this flier.)

Please observe our new fireworks ordinance so we can all have a safe and enjoyable holiday. **Happy Independence Day!**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 210.2210 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN TO ALLOW CERTAIN FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY DURING SPECIFIED HOURS AND DAYS

WHEREAS, the current ordinance does not allow any type of fireworks to be used in the City of Dearborn, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman deem it appropriate that certain ground devices may be used in the City of Dearborn, Missouri during limited hours and days.

THEREFORE:

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Dearborn, Missouri, as follows:

Chapter 210. Offenses

Article XIV. Miscellaneous Offenses

Section 210.2210. Fireworks.

A. This Section shall apply to any aerial device which is designed to shoot flaming objects in the air or otherwise designed to fly through the air. It shall be unlawful for any person within this City to sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, use or discharge any combustible or explosive composition, any substances or article prepared as an aerial device for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation. Such definition includes blank cartridges, toy cannons, toy guns in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, Dago bombs, other fireworks of like construction and any explosive object which is designed for the purpose of producing an aerial display.

B. This Section shall not apply to ground devices, even if otherwise classified as fireworks by this Section or any other Section of the ordinances of the City. Such ground devices may be used or discharged within the City only during the hours of 10:00 am to 10:00 pm from June 27th through July 5th.

C. This Section shall not apply to public demonstrations or displays of fireworks; provided that such public demonstrations or displays of fireworks are conducted under the supervision of the Fire Department and only after application made in writing and presented to the Board of Aldermen and permit issued for such demonstrations or displays.

READ Two Times and PASSED by the Board of Alderman of the City of Dearborn, Missouri, this 9th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor, City of Dearborn, Missouri