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Professionally monitored July 4th fireworks show offers safe alternative to individual fireworks use

Kerrville, Texas (June 30, 2022) – Heading into the July 4th weekend, please remember that it is illegal for any person to sell, use, shoot, discharge, explode, ignite, possess, or display any fireworks within the Kerrville city limits. Fines for offenses range from \$500 to \$2,000.

The City of Kerrville has no control over fireworks sales and use outside of the city limits; however, we do discourage the use of fireworks by individuals in the current weather environment.



Public fireworks displays are permissible provided that all state and local laws are met and a permit is issued. The City of Kerrville encourages all citizens to join us Monday, July 4th in Louise Hays Park for a professionally-monitored fireworks show, which will begin at

approximately 9:30 p.m. in Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Dr., following the Robert Earl Keen's "Fourth on the River" event.

This year's fireworks show is once again sponsored by Mini Mart and is designed with safety foremost in mind. The Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department and Kerrville Fire Department are working together to monitor the drought conditions for the fireworks display and are planning accordingly to safeguard citizens, businesses, visitors and property. The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal are implementing additional safety precautions during these extremely dry summer months. The maximum firework shell size has been reduced from 5 inches to 4 inches this year to ensure the fallout zone is within a reasonable and safe area. The required fallout zone is a 360-foot diameter from the display and is never allowed to be over any homes or structures. The fallout zone was mowed last week and will be mowed again prior to the event if necessary.

A licensed professional vendor that is approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office and verified by the City of Kerrville Fire Marshal conducts the fireworks events and is responsible for adhering to the City of Kerrville pyrotechnic ordinance, Texas Occupational Codes, National Fire Protection Association codes, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms codes, and Department of Transportation codes. This is a rigorous certification process that requires all safety precautions are followed prior to any fireworks display to ensure the safety of our citizens.

At the Fourth of July event, the Kerrville Fire Department will have additional firefighters and one staffed brush truck onsite, and the Center Point Volunteer Fire Department is providing a second staffed brush truck during the fireworks display. The KFD and the Kerrville Police Department will maintain an Emergency Operations Center in Louise Hays Park, and the Fire Marshal will inspect for proper storage of the fireworks, site location, public distancing,

fire extinguishers, and inspections, and will give the final authorization for a safe and fun fireworks display on the day of the event. Wind speeds can impact any decision on the fireworks display and will be included in the Fire Marshal's inspection on that day.

The city wishes everyone a very happy July 4th holiday!