



Press Release

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City Taking Extra Steps to Ensure Residents Enjoy a Safe Independence Day

The City of Artesia is taking several proactive steps to discourage the use and sale of illegal fireworks by enforcing the law against illegal fireworks. The City is determined to make this Independence Day enjoyable for all by protecting the safety of its residents and visitors.

For the second straight year, the City Council dedicated additional funds to public safety to increase the number of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies who will patrol the City's streets and provide additional enforcement against the use of illegal fireworks. Toward that end, the City's Code Enforcement Officers and the Sheriff's Deputies will be citing violators with a fine amount of \$1,000 per violation, as allowed by the Los Angeles County Code.

As stated in the Artesia Municipal Code, safe and sane fireworks may be sold or discharged beginning 12:00 pm on June 28 through 9:00 pm on July 4. During the fireworks sale and discharge period, fireworks cannot be sold or discharged before 7:00 am or after 10:00 pm on any day, with the exception of July 4, when sales must stop at 9:00 pm. The City wants to remind all residents and visitors that no person shall at any time sell or discharge a firework, including, but not limited to, safe and sane fireworks within City parks.

As part of the City's Independence Day fireworks safety and enforcement campaign, messages will be posted on the City website, digital billboard at Artesia Park and other locations throughout the City, as well as on the City's social media accounts. Additionally, electronic traffic signs have been set-up along the City's main streets to display the prohibition of dangerous and illegal fireworks. Furthermore, the City is requiring all safe and sane fireworks stands to post "dangerous and illegal" fireworks signs at their stand, and require those stands to distribute fireworks safety flyers at the point of sale stands, which indicate the dangers of illegal fireworks and the administrative fines for violators.

To help make this year's Independence Day celebration enjoyable for all, the City asks all residents to follow the law and refrain from purchasing or using illegal fireworks.

To view the flyer that will be posted at all safe and sane fireworks stands, [click here](#).

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