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USE OF FIREWORKS NOW ILLEGAL IN GLENDALE

Glendale, Ariz. — On April 24th, 2012, the Glendale City Council voted in favor of an ordinance prohibiting the use of consumer fireworks within the city limits. The vote was unanimous among present council members.

State law has allowed the sale of consumer fireworks since 2010, but many cities have chosen to ban fireworks completely or partially within city limits.

“Consumer fireworks present an extreme danger, not only to citizens but also to firefighters and other first responders who are the first to arrive to emergencies involving fireworks,” said Glendale Fire Chief Mark Burdick. “Establishing a full fireworks ban in Glendale demonstrates safety is the highest priority and creates consistency with our neighboring cities.”

The penalty for setting off fireworks within city limits is a class 3 misdemeanor, with a minimum fine of \$275. Additionally, in the event that Police and/or Fire are dispatched, a person may also be held financially responsible for all costs associated with the emergency response.

The ban will go into effect May 25th.

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