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City of Johnston Fireworks Restrictions

JOHNSTON, IOWA – On Monday evening at a regular meeting of the Johnston city council, city officials re-affirmed their stance to continue to prohibit the use of fireworks within the Johnston community. The first reading of an ordinance updating the City's rules for fireworks includes the following regulations:

- a. The City of Johnston deems the use of consumer fireworks as a threat to public safety or a nuisance to landowners and therefore prohibits the use of consumer fireworks.
- b. The sale of consumer fireworks shall be regulated by the State Fire Marshal (SFM) who shall establish dates of permitted sales, the minimum requirements for obtaining a consumer fireworks seller license, and shall issue such licenses.
- c. The sale and use of Novelties known as snappers, party poppers, glow worms, snakes, toy smoke devices and sparklers are permitted at all times.

The Johnston Police Department will proactively patrol and respond to reported incidents involving fireworks. It is not illegal for individuals to possess consumer grade fireworks. However, the act of discharging fireworks in Johnston will be treated as a simple misdemeanor criminal offense that requires cited individuals to make a court appearance.

For questions related to municipal enforcement, please contact the Johnston Police Department at (515) 278-2345. For inquiries about the commercial sales of fireworks, please call Johnston's Community Development Department at (515) 727-7778.

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