

EXECUTIVE ORDER _____

**MURRAY CITY RESTRICTION
ON THE DISCHARGE OF PRIVATE FIREWORKS
FROM JULY 21, 2007 TO JULY 27, 2007**

Section 53-7-225 of the Utah Code allows the discharge of fireworks, approved under the Utah Fireworks Act, three days before, on the day of, and three days following July 4, July 24, January 1 and the Chinese New Year. Section 10-8-47 of the Utah Code grants to cities the authority to regulate and prevent the discharge of fireworks in the public interest.

On July 17, 2007, Governor Jon Huntsman issued an Executive Order requesting cities to consider banning private fireworks from July 21, 2007 to July 27, 2007, based on the heightened fire risks due to the dry conditions. Further, the Utah Division of Air Quality requested a similar ban stating “fireworks pump fine-particulate pollution in the air prompting an unhealthy spike in air pollution”.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Order is to respond to the concerns of Governor Jon Huntsman and the Division of Air Quality in consultation with the City’s Public Safety Departments.

2. Order

Due to the heightened fire risk and the concerns of air quality deterioration, the Mayor is implementing the following effective immediately:

- A. The residents of the City are being asked to voluntarily refrain from discharging private fireworks from July 21, 2007 to July 27, 2007. The City residents have always been responsive to concerns that affect the community. The Mayor fully anticipates that given the concerns about fire risks and air quality, our residents will respond to the request. The City will use its best efforts to notify its residents of this request.
- B. The discharge of private fireworks is hereby prohibited in all City parks and recreation areas with particular emphasis on the Jordan River Parkway.
- C. There will be strict enforcement of the laws prohibiting possession, sale and discharge of fireworks deemed illegal under the Utah Fireworks Act (Sections 53-7-220 through 53-7-225 of the Utah Code).

- D. There will be strict enforcement of Section 5.50.090 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the discharge of fireworks over or onto the property of another and the discharge of fireworks within 20 feet of any residence, dwelling, or other structure.