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CFD reminds residents no fireworks allowed

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- The line surrounding the mapped Cleburne city limits shows the 5,000-foot extra-territorial jurisdiction buffer surrounding the city. An area where, as within city limits, the use or possession of fireworks is prohibited. Violators face confiscation of their fireworks and a citation with fines ranging from \$200 to \$2,000. Courtesy photo



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With the Fourth of July just around the corner, Cleburne Fire Marshal Bill Wright said he wanted to remind residents that fireworks are prohibited within city limits.

That includes using, buying, selling, manufacturing, storing, handling or possessing, Wright said.

The prohibited area includes the city limits and the 5,000-foot radius buffering the city limits, Wright said.

“We get people every year that say, ‘but we’re outside of the city.’ Well, if they’re in the ETJ areas, it doesn’t matter,” Wright said. “But we’ll have people patrolling those areas and we will give citations to anyone caught with fireworks.”

Fines for violating the city ordinance range from \$200 to \$2,000, Wright said. Fireworks found will also be confiscated, Wright said.

Safety tips

Those who choose to use fireworks in areas where they are legal are urged to exercise the following safety tips supplied by the National Council on Fireworks Safety:

zx Use fireworks outdoors only.

zx Always have water, a bucket or a hose, nearby.

zx Use fireworks only as intended. Don't try to alter or combine them.

zx Never relight a dud firework. Wait 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water.

zx Use common sense.

zx Spectators should maintain a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.

zx Don't mix alcohol and fireworks. Have a designated shooter.

zx Only those older than 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any kind.

zx Never use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives. They can kill you. Report such incidents to your local police or fire departments.

City display

Better yet, officials urge residents to stay in Cleburne to enjoy the Fourth of July fireworks display sponsored by the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce. The fireworks will be shot off at Lake Pat Cleburne once it gets dark sometime between 9:30-9:45 p.m.