

Guidelines for Fireworks Use in the City and Borough

The City and Borough of Juneau Assembly requests that those citizens desiring to use fireworks do so in a manner that is considerate of others in public and residential areas. Some fireworks are low impact and the use of those types of fireworks does not disturb the peace and thus, should be allowed at any time. Other types of fireworks create loud, sometimes startling noise, which can have an unfavorable impact on those within hearing range.

Use of fireworks in our community offers some unique challenges. The topography of our community results in loud sounds reflecting off of mountains or water and sound often travels farther than intended. In addition, our urban parks are closely co-located with our residential neighborhoods.

As a result, the Assembly has asked staff to publish guidelines that address the use of Fireworks and the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance **42.20.095** – sometimes referred to as the Noise Ordinance. CBJ 42.20.095 provides:

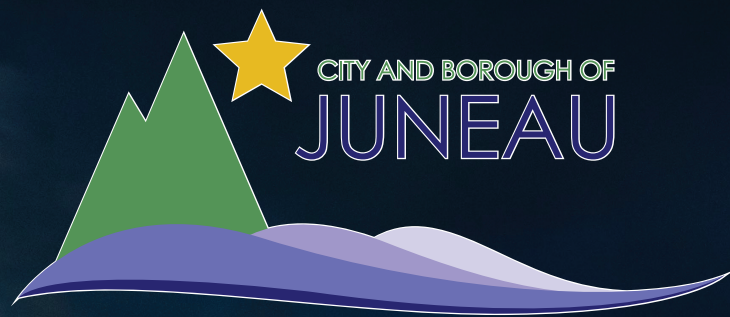
(a) *Policy.* The purpose of this section is to protect the health, welfare and safety of the City and Borough's residents by regulating the time, place, and manner of unreasonable noise. It is the intent of this section to secure the health, safety, comfort, convenience, and peaceful enjoyment of all public places, such as public streets and public parks, as well as the City and Borough's residents' homes, by prohibiting unreasonable noise.

(b) *General.*

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to make or continue, or cause or permit to be made or continued, any unreasonable noise.
- (2) As used in this section, "unreasonable noise" means noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, peace, or safety of a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity....

Accordingly, the following guidelines will be used by JPD to enforce the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance:





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ANY SALEABLE* FIREWORK IS ALLOWED IN ANY LOCATION ON:

12/31 10:00 AM - 1:00 AM **1/1** 10:00 AM - 11:59 PM
7/3 10:00 AM - 1:00 AM **7/4** 10:00 AM - 11:59 PM

OTHERWISE:

DATE	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
Any other day of the year	Any saleable firework that is not concussive**	Any Time	Any Location
Any other day of the year	Saleable, concussive** fireworks	10:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Allowable only beyond Cohen Drive

*Saleable fireworks are those fireworks that are legal under Alaska Statute for consumer purchase and use.

**Concussive fireworks are those fireworks whose effect can be sensed without sight

– examples include, but are not limited to: M-80s, firecrackers, explosive aerial rockets, roman candles, and other “loud” fireworks.

Violations of these guidelines are subject to citation and a \$300.00 fine.