



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

March 31, 2023

To all City, Township and Salt Lake County Governments:

In anticipation of fireworks season, this information will assist your legislative bodies in efforts to assure compliance with Utah fireworks laws regarding fireworks and setting of restricted areas.

Please review your fireworks restricted areas for accuracy and proper alignment. If changes are made to the 2022 fireworks restrictions map, Title 15A-5-202.5 lists the steps and requirements.

Key points to remember:

- Each municipal legislative body must, before May 1 of each year the defined area is closed, provide a map to SLCo in which the defined area is located.
- Salt Lake County must have a map in place before June 1, and available to the public and fireworks vendors.
- If UFA Fire Prevention Division does not receive notice of any changes prior to that date, the published map will remain the same historical map for the city that was used in 2022.

Below are the links to the Utah Fireworks Law.

https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title15A/Chapter5/15A-5-S202.5.html?v=C15A-5-S202.5_2018050820180508

https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53/Chapter7/53-7-S225.html?v=C53-7-S225_2018050820180508:

<https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r710/r710-015.htm#T4> (Utah Administrative Code R710-2)

Key points in current fireworks law:

- Discharge dates for fireworks discharge:
 - 2 days before, day of, and 1 day after July 4 and 24.
- Provide a restriction area map to UFA by May 1.
- Provide a county wide map on SLCo website before June 1. (UFA Responsibility)
- Provides strict liability for negligence, reckless or intentional conduct for damage caused by fire:
 - In prohibited or non-prohibited area
 - Within times of allowed discharge
- Clarifies areas where cities can restrict fireworks discharge.
- Persons are guilty of an infraction (up to \$1,000 fine) if:
 - Discharge of fireworks outside of legal dates.
 - Discharge of fireworks in an area where fireworks are prohibited.

If fire conditions worsen as the fireworks season approaches causing concern for areas not currently defined or creating a “hazardous environmental condition”, please contact your Liaison, your Area Fire Marshal, or myself should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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