

## Policy: Fireworks

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**Approved By:** D. Lanier, Fire Chief

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### 1. Purpose:

To ensure the safety of the residents, protect property, and reduce the risk of fire in the Town of Newberry Springs, the Newberry Springs Fire Department (NSFD) strictly prohibits the use, sale, and possession of fireworks within town limits.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all residents, renters, visitors, and businesses within the town of Newberry Springs.

### 3. Definitions

- **Fireworks:** Any device containing combustible or explosive compositions used for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.
- **Violation:** The act of igniting or possessing fireworks within town limits.
- **Fire Incident:** Any fire resulting from the use of fireworks that necessitates a response from the Newberry Springs Fire Department.

### 4. Policy

#### 4.1) Prohibition:

- The use, sale, and possession of all types of fireworks are strictly prohibited within the Town of Newberry Springs.
- This prohibition includes all public and private properties within town limits.

#### 4.2) Violation and Fines:

- Any individual or entity found in violation of this policy will be subject to fines and penalties as outlined below.

## 5. Fire Incident Response

- 5.1) A response from Newberry Springs Fire Department that facilitates in the use of fireworks, the responsible individual(s) will be fined a minimum of \$500 for endangering public safety.
- 5.2) If fireworks usage results in a fire, additional charges for NSFD Equipment and Personnel may be imposed based on the extent of the fire and damages incurred.
- 5.3) If the violation is confirmed, the responsible individual(s) will be fined according to the hourly cost of any NSFD Equipment and Personnel used at scene.

### 5.3.1) Equipment Use and Personnel Fine Breakdown (HOURLY COST):

#### NSFD Equipment Rates (Not Including Personnel) HOURLY:

- Brush Patrol..... \$169.29
- Engine Type 1..... \$235.40
- Water Tender..... \$245.88

#### NSFD Personnel (Not Including Equipment) HOURLY:

- Fire Chief..... \$285.89
- Assistant Fire Chief..... \$206.86
- Captain..... \$154.30
- Engineer..... \$129.16
- Fire Fighter EMT..... \$82.29
- Fire Fighter Trainee..... \$33.72
- Fire Suppression Aide (extra help)..... \$14.24

## 6. Legal Actions

- 6.1) Individuals found responsible for fire incidents due to fireworks may face criminal charges including but not limited to reckless endangerment, destruction of property, and arson.
- 6.2) The Newberry Springs Fire Department will cooperate fully with law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of such cases.

## **7. Review and Amendments**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Fire Chief and the Newberry Community Services District (NCSD). Amendments will be made as necessary to ensure the continued safety of the community.

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