



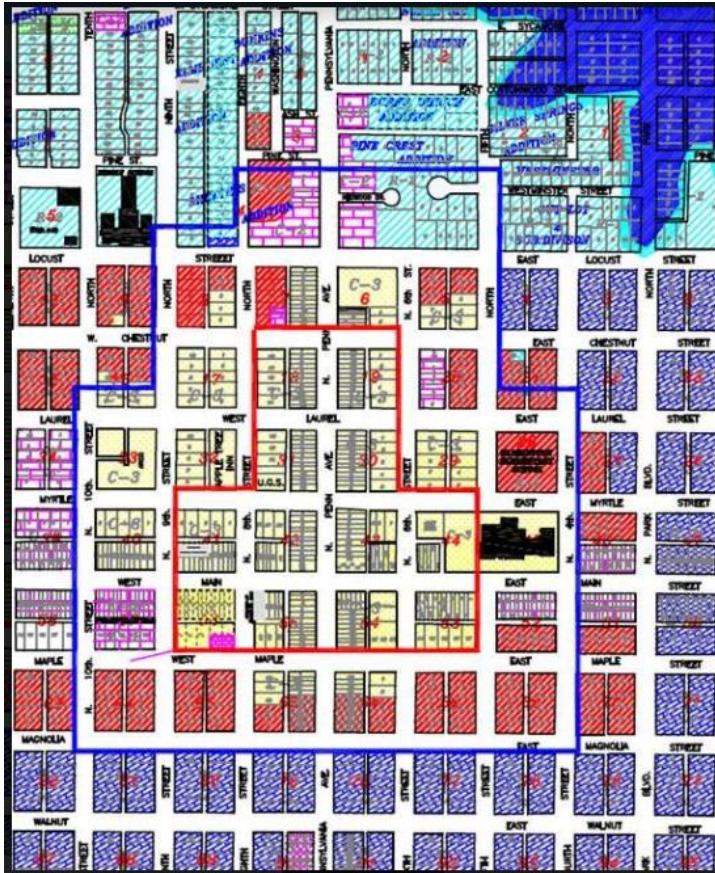
Independence Police Department

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City Ordinance prohibits the discharge of fireworks inside the area outlined in blue.

Independence Police and Fire Chiefs' Reminder of 4th of July Rules

Independence Fire Chief Shawn Wallis wants to remind everyone that it is against city ordinance to discharge fireworks inside the fire limits outlined in blue on the map above. Citizens are also reminded that fireworks may only be ignited from July 1st through July 3rd between the hours of 9 am and 10 pm. On July 4th you are allowed to shoot fireworks from 9 am until midnight. For those watching the display from Riverside Park on July 4th, fireworks are only permitted to be discharged inside the Oval and in the empty lot north of the Water Plant (the old ice skating rink).

Seasonal vendors are allowed to sell fireworks from June 27th through July 5th. Vendors are required to have a city permit and their retail area must be inspected by the fire chief before opening. Chief Harrison reminds everyone to follow the ordinances to avoid being cited into city court. Both chiefs added, "We want you to have fun, be safe, and don't shoot fireworks at or from any moving vehicles."

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- Always read and follow label instructions.
- Always purchase high quality fireworks from a reliable, legitimate source.



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- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a “designated shooter.”
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- Adults should always supervise use of fireworks by older children.
- Always wear eye protection when lighting fireworks.
- Never ignite fireworks indoors. Make sure your outdoor area is safe for firework use.
- Never point or throw fireworks at a person, building, or animal.
- Have a source of water handy, in case of fire.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never attempt to re-light malfunctioning fireworks.
- When lighting fireworks, never position any part of your body over them.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Never experiment with homemade fireworks. They are dangerous and illegal.
- Bottle rockets and other skyrockets that are mounted on a stick or wire are illegal.
- It is illegal to shoot fireworks on or under a vehicle, on any public roadway, within 50 feet of a firework stand or where fireworks are stored, and gas stations or any place liquid gas – including propane – is stored.

If you have further questions please contact Fire Chief Wallis at shawnw@independencesks.gov or Chief Harrison at jerryh@independencesks.gov.