



Ordinance 2333: Permissible Fireworks

June 7, 2021

Proposed Ordinance

- Allows outdoor use of “permissible fireworks” consistent with state law
 - July 3-4 and December 31 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
 - If under 16, requires direct adult supervision
- Allows sale, storage, possession, and handling of “permissible fireworks” and use of non-fireworks
- No change to other illegal fireworks
- Effective on final passage (before July)

Permissible Fireworks

- Cylindrical fountains ($\leq 75\text{g}$ single tube; $\leq 200\text{g}$)
- Cone fountains ($\leq 50\text{g}$ single cone; $\leq 200\text{g}$ 2+ mounted)
- Wheels ($\leq 60\text{g}$ each driver; $\leq 200\text{g}$ wheel)
- Ground spinners ($\leq 20\text{g}$)
- Illuminating torches and colored fire ($\leq 200\text{g}$)
- Dipped sticks/sparklers ($\leq 100\text{g}$, with chlorate or perchlorate $\leq 5\text{g}$)
- Toy propellant devices/trick noise makers ($\leq 50\text{g}$)
- Snake or glow worm pressed pellets ($\leq 2\text{g}$)
- Multiple tube/spark showers ($\leq 500\text{g}$ total; $\leq 15'$ off ground; 1 fuse)



Illegal Fireworks

- Any fireworks that explode or go in the air are illegal under Colorado law and would remain illegal in Commerce City
 - Firecrackers, M-80's, cherry bombs
 - Bottle rockets
 - Roman candles
 - Mortars
 - *Any firework that is not a “permissible firework”*
- Use in city parks and open spaces

Fine Structure

- Not modified by ordinance
 - \$500 minimum penalty (first offenses)
 - \$1,000 minimum penalty (subsequent offenses)
 - Potential imprisonment
- Other city and state penalties could exceed this (up to statutory maximums)





Discussion

