



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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FIREWORKS LAWS

Colonial Heights City Code prohibits any person from possessing, using, or igniting any firework; except permissible fireworks. Any such violation shall be deemed a Class 1 misdemeanor; up to 12 months in jail and/or \$2,500 dollar fine.

Fireworks – Any firecracker, torpedo, skyrocket, or other substance or object, or whatever form or construction, that contains any explosive or inflammable compound or substance, and is intended, or commonly known, as fireworks and that explodes, rises into the air or travel laterally, or fires projectiles into the air.

Permissible Fireworks – Any sparkler, fountains, Pharaoh's serpents, caps for pistols, or pinwheels commonly known as whirligigs or spinning jennies. You can tell if the fireworks are permissible or illegal by reading the manufacturer's warning label. If the label read emits sparks, fountain, emits smoke, stays on the ground, etc, then it is permissible. If the label reads explosive, shoots falling balls, rocket with report, etc, then these are illegal.

If you know of someone possessing or attempting to sell illegal fireworks in Colonial Heights you are asked to contact the Deputy Fire Marshal. The City does not allow anyone to ignite fireworks or use permissible fireworks on City property.