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Dear Homeowners Association Board:

The Independence Day celebration is a tradition that is embraced and enjoyed by the Warrenville community. The City invests a significant amount of capital and personnel to ensure that a safe and memorable event takes place for our residents and visitors.

Unfortunately, the illegal and unauthorized use of fireworks by private individuals is a growing problem within the community, and we have seen the number of complaints increase from year-to-year. The illegal use of fireworks starts well before the holiday and extends well after, and can cause undue stress on those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other health conditions. Additionally, it can alarm and disturb the sleep of small children, frighten pets, and present the potential for significant fire hazard and serious personal injury.

To address this, the Police Department will begin a zero-tolerance enforcement policy with regard to illegal possession and use of fireworks. The City Code penalties for this violation (Title 4, Chapter 6, Section 2), has been amended to include a minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum fine of \$750. Blanket city-wide enforcement exceeds the limits of the police personnel resources, as many other holiday events and routine calls for service are simultaneously occurring that require police attention.

I ask the assistance of Warrenville homeowners associations to use their regulatory authority and ask their respective Boards to either adopt or amend their by-laws to include penalties for illegal possession and use of fireworks (fines levied by the Association). Additionally, we ask that each Homeowners Association remind those residing within the association that fireworks are illegal in the State of Illinois and violations may be addressed by civil (Homeowner's Association) fines, by violations of Warrenville City Code, or by violations of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

I would like to express my personal thanks for whatever steps your association takes to ensure that a safe and enjoyable holiday experience may be enjoyed by all that live in or visit our City.

Sincerely,

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