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**City of Waco Enforcing Fireworks Ordinance
to Save Lives and Property**

Waco, Texas (December 29, 2015) – The City of Waco Fire Department encourages everyone to have a safe New Year's celebration, free of fires. To prevent fire-related tragedies in our area, the City of Waco Fireworks Ordinance will be strictly enforced throughout New Year's.

It is a violation of City ordinances to possess, use, manufacture, sell, give away, transport or discharge fireworks within the city limits of Waco or within 5,000 feet of the city limits without a permit from the fire marshal.

The ordinance prohibits the possession of fireworks by a minor. Fireworks allowed in the city limits without a permit are smoke bombs, "snakes," "snap and pops," sparklers and champagne poppers.

Fireworks sold by retail stores in Waco, such as Wal-Mart, Target, etc., are allowed. Fireworks purchased at stands outside the city limits (except for items listed above) are illegal to use or own.

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