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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDS RESIDENTS FIREWORKS ILLEGAL IN GLENDALE**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — With New Year's Eve on Tuesday and most people's celebration plans set, the Glendale Fire Department wants to remind residents that it is illegal to use fireworks within Glendale city limits.

On April 24, 2012, the Glendale City Council voted in favor of an ordinance prohibiting the use of consumer fireworks within the city limits. The vote was unanimous among council members in attendance.

State law has allowed the sale of consumer fireworks since 2010, but many cities have chosen to ban fireworks completely or partially within city limits.

Consumer fireworks present an extreme danger, not only to citizens but also to firefighters and other first responders who are the first to arrive to emergencies involving fireworks.

The complete ban also aligned Glendale with their neighboring cities' fireworks ordinances.

The penalty for setting off fireworks within city limits is a class 3 misdemeanor, with a minimum fine of \$275. Additionally, in the event that Police and/or Fire are dispatched, a person may also be held financially responsible for all costs associated with the emergency response.

The ban went into effect May 25, 2012.

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