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Joint Statement from Mayor Rod Westbroek and Fire Chief Derek Tolman

Re: 2026 Fireworks Restrictions

Dear South Weber City Residents,

As we approach the Independence Day holiday, the South Weber City Fire Department and City Administration remain deeply committed to the safety and well-being of our community. This year's extreme wildfire conditions across Utah have prompted Governor Spencer J. Cox to issue a temporary statewide executive order restricting personal fireworks use, while wisely empowering local governments to designate safe areas in consultation with fire officials.

You may use this link to view the South Weber Fire Restrictions Map - [SWC Firework Restrictions](#)

We have carefully reviewed these conditions, the Governor's guidance, and the specific fire hazards within our city – particularly the brush, grass, and tree-covered areas that pose elevated risks. Our approach is not an all-out ban on personal fireworks within city limits. Instead, it represents a thoughtful, balanced compromise that allows celebration in lower-risk areas while prohibiting use in high-hazard zones.

Why This Approach?

- **Public Safety First:** Fireworks are a leading cause of wildfires, especially under current dry, windy, and high-risk conditions. Our restrictions directly address the most vulnerable parts of South Weber to prevent potentially devastating fires that could threaten homes, property, and lives.
- **Consideration of State Guidance:** We fully incorporated the Governor's executive order and statewide concerns into our local plan, while exercising our authority to tailor restrictions to South Weber's unique geography and risks.
- **Minimal Inconvenience with Maximum Protection:** Much of the city remains available for legal fireworks use during permitted dates and times (typically July 2-5, subject to state and local rules). The restrictions focus only on areas where the fire danger is greatest. This strikes a responsible balance between community traditions and necessary caution.
- **Enforcement and Support:** The Fire Department along with the Davis County Sheriff Office will actively monitor compliance, and we encourage everyone to follow all safety guidelines, including having water sources ready, supervising children, and using only legal consumer fireworks.

We recognize there are still hazardous areas within the approved area and encourage everyone to use extreme caution and avoid using fireworks near fields and brush. In approved areas people using fireworks are civilly responsible for damages caused by fireworks use. In restricted areas, not only are users liable for damages but will also be opening themselves to criminal charges.

We take wildfire prevention extremely seriously—this is not about limiting enjoyment but about protecting what matters most: our residents, first responders, and the beautiful community we all call home. Public fireworks displays authorized by the City and approved by the Fire Chief remain unaffected and offer a safe alternative for large-scale celebrations.

We appreciate the community's understanding and cooperation as we navigate these challenging conditions together. For the full restrictions map, safety tips, and ordinance details, please visit the South Weber City website ([www.southwebercity.gov](http://www.southwebercity.gov)).

Thank you for helping keep South Weber safe this holiday season and throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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South Weber City

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South Weber City Fire Department