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Joint Statement from Fire Chief Derek Tolman and Mayor Rod Westbroek

Re: 2026 July 24 Pioneer Day Fireworks Restrictions

Dear South Weber City Residents,

As we approach the Pioneer Day holiday, the South Weber City Fire Department and City Administration remain deeply committed to the well-being of our community.

Governor Spencer J. Cox has returned primary authority over fireworks decisions to local leaders for this period, recognizing varying conditions across the state. We have carefully reviewed current wildfire conditions, the Governor's guidance, and the specific fire hazards within our city – particularly the brush, grass, and tree-covered areas.

In response, under the authority of the State Forester, we are maintaining the targeted restrictions established June 26, 2026 which can be viewed on the city's official map ([SWC Firework Restrictions Map](#)). **This 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?

- **Taking the Situation Seriously:** Fireworks remain a notable factor in wildfire starts, especially in ongoing dry and windy conditions. Our restrictions address the most vulnerable parts of South Weber to help limit the potential for larger incidents.
- **Consideration of State Guidance:** We fully incorporated the Governor's direction and statewide context into our local plan, while exercising our authority to tailor the approach to South Weber's unique geography and circumstances.
- **Balanced Approach:** Much of the city remains available for legal fireworks use during the permitted window (July 22-25, subject to state and local rules). The restrictions focus only on areas with the greatest concerns. This provides a responsible middle ground between community traditions and current conditions.
- **Implementation:** The Fire Department will continue monitoring compliance. We encourage all residents to follow applicable laws and discharge guidelines.

This measured approach reflects our commitment to addressing these challenges thoughtfully. Public fireworks displays authorized by the city and approved by the Fire Chief remain available as an option for community celebrations.

We appreciate the community's understanding and cooperation during this time. For the full restrictions map and ordinance details, please visit the South Weber City website (southwebercity.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our community.

Sincerely,

Rod Westbroek
Mayor
South Weber City

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