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City of Cloverdale Update on Fireworks

City provides update on the Sale of Safe and Sane Fireworks and Fireworks Display

City of Cloverdale, CA – Subject to the provisions of the State Fireworks Law, state approved safe and sane fireworks, are permitted to be sold within the City of Cloverdale between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. starting on Wednesday, July 1st through Saturday July 4th. Two local not-for-profit organizations including the Cloverdale Lion’s Club and Veteran’s of Foreign Wars were approved by the Cloverdale Fire District to operate stands for the sale of safe and sane fireworks in the City of Cloverdale.

At the May 13th and May 27th City Council meeting, the Cloverdale City Council considered a one-year restriction on the sale of sane fireworks for 2020 due to concerns about COVID-19 and fire threats related to drought conditions. Due to the significant public testimony in support of the continued sale of safe and sane fireworks, the Council supported the sale of safe and sane to continue this year on a 3-2 vote. According to Mayor Wolter, his vote in support of allowing the sale of safe and sane fireworks this year “was based in part by the Social Distancing Protocol submitted by Revell Communications on behalf of the local nonprofit organizations.” The City Council did not however review the proposed Public Display of Fireworks by the Lions Club planned on the Fourth of July at Cloverdale High School.

A larger public display of Fireworks is planned for the baseball field at the Cloverdale High School. The larger public display jointly permitted by the Cloverdale School District and Cloverdale Fire District and hosted by the Cloverdale Lion’s Club was not considered by the Cloverdale City Council. Given that the public display event was held on School Property, the City of Cloverdale was not requested to provide input or participate in the planning or logistics of the event.

The fireworks display is reported to start around 9 p.m. at the Jack Hoffman Field, the baseball field just west of Cloverdale High School at the corner of School Street and Jefferson Street. Due to the current COVID-19 emergency, no field spectators will be allowed. Members of the public are encouraged to view the fireworks from their home, avoid gatherings, maintain physical distancing and use facemasks per the guidance issued by the County Health Officer. Questions or comments about the public display of fireworks should be directed to the Cloverdale School District or Lions Club.

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Revell Communications serving as the public relations/public affairs representative for TNT Fireworks, assisted TNT Fireworks with its community liaison activities as well as the development and implementation of both local and statewide Fireworks Safety & Education Program. According to Revell Communications, "TNT Fireworks has been working diligently with public health officers and elected officials across the state to make sure protective measures are in place in their fireworks stands to protect the nonprofits' volunteers as well as their customers." TNT Fireworks developed the attached Sonoma County approved TNT Fireworks Stand Physical Distancing Protocol which provide operational guidelines for TNT fireworks stands and comply with the guidelines published on May 12, 2020 by Governor Gavin Newsom.

California law bans possession, use, or sale of any fireworks that fly and explode. These fireworks are illegal. Fireworks not purchased from an approved vendor or booth in California are most likely illegal. The Cloverdale Police Department has a zero tolerance for illegal fireworks. If you witness or see, illegal fireworks being used in Cloverdale, please call the Cloverdale Police Department at (707) 894-2525.

All fireworks including safe and sane fireworks sold by locally approved vendors are illegal in all unincorporated areas of Sonoma County including City Parks such as Cloverdale River Park. The County of Sonoma Fire Prevention division reminds residents and visitors that all fireworks are illegal in unincorporated Sonoma County. "Our dry summer landscape creates a greater potential for fires caused by fireworks," said Sonoma County Fire Marshal, Chief James Williams.

Every year, people are seriously injured, property is damaged, and the risk of fires increases due to the illegal use of fireworks. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and nearly 17,000 other fires. Additionally, in 2018, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,100 people for fireworks related injuries, 5,600 of which occurred between June 22 and July 22, 2018.

Safety brochures provided by TNT Fireworks including the Illegal Fireworks brochure ("Don't Get Burned") and safety brochure emphasizing safe and responsible use of State-Approved Fireworks ("Celebrate Safely") can be found at the following links:

<http://www.ca-fireworks.com/EDocs/Site60/IllegalFireworksBro2008web.pdf>

<http://www.ca-fireworks.com/EDocs/Site60/FireSafetyBrochureweb.pdf>

In addition to the above two brochures, two short subject safety videos ("Celebrate Safely" and "Don't Get Burned") may be viewed online at the following websites:

http://ca-fireworks.presskit247.com/EDocs/Site60/New_Illegal_Fireworks_Video.mp4

<http://cafireworks.presskit247.com/EDocs/Site60/2006%20State%20Approved%20Fireworks%20PSA.mp4>

For more information on the County of Sonoma's Fire Prevention work, please visit

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Fire-Prevention/>.

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Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol

Nonprofit Organization's Name: .

Nonprofit Organization's Address:

Approximate gross square footage of space open to the public:

All fireworks stands are located on private business parking lots or property already opened to the public.

Essential Businesses must implement all applicable measures listed below, and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is inapplicable to the business.

Signage:

- Signage at each entrance of the fireworks stand and around it to inform all volunteers and customers that they should: avoid entering the stand if they have COVID-19 symptoms; maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another; sneeze and cough into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, into one's elbow; wear facial covering, as appropriate; and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.
- Signage posting a copy of the Social Distancing Protocol a safe distance in all directions around the fireworks stands wherever possible.

Measures to Protect Volunteer Health (check all that apply to the fireworks stand):

- Everyone who can carry out their work duties from home has been directed to do so.
- All volunteers have been told not to come to volunteer at fireworks stand if sick.
- Educated volunteers to carry out COVID-19 mitigation plans and protocols.
- Provide training to volunteers on COVID-19 mitigation measures for customer-facing activities.
- Temperature checks are recommended to verify the volunteer's temperature is below 100.0 F before entry into the fireworks stand.
- Symptom checks are being conducted before volunteers may enter the fireworks stand.
- Volunteers are required to wear facial covering, as appropriate.
- All volunteers in the stand will attempt to maintain a six feet separation.
- Break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas are being disinfected frequently, on the following schedule:
 - Break rooms:
 - Bathrooms:
 - Other: Fireworks stands will be disinfected frequently. There are no break rooms or bathrooms facilities provided or available.

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- Disinfectant and related supplies are available to all volunteers at the beginning, during and at the conclusion of their shift.
These supplies will be provided by the Fireworks Wholesaler.
- Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available to all volunteers at the following location(s): Click or tap here to enter text.
Will be provided by Fireworks Wholesaler.
- Soap and water are available to all volunteers at the following location(s):
Not Applicable
- Copies of this Protocol have been distributed to all volunteers.
- Optional—Describe other measures:

Measures to Prevent Crowds from Gathering (check all that apply to the fireworks stand):

- Limit the number of customers immediately in front of the fireworks stand at any one time, which allows for customers and volunteers to easily maintain at least six-foot distance from one another at all practicable times.
- Post a volunteer in front of the fireworks stand to ensure that the maximum number of customers in front of the fireworks stand set forth above is not exceeded.
- Placing per-person limits on goods that are selling out quickly to reduce crowds and lines.
Not Applicable
- Optional—Describe other measures: Set up an Express Order line and desk, where possible, that allows expediated transactions by people who have already decided what they want to buy.

Measures to Keep People at Least Six Feet Apart (check all that apply to the fireworks stand)

- Placing signs outside the fireworks stand reminding people to be at least six feet apart, including when in line.
- Placing tape or other markings at least six feet apart in customer line areas in front of the fireworks stand with signs directing customers to use the markings to maintain distance.
- Separate order areas from delivery areas to prevent customers from gathering.
- All volunteers have been instructed to maintain at least six feet distance from customers and from each other, except volunteers may momentarily come closer when necessary to accept payment, deliver goods or services, or as otherwise necessary.
- Optional—Describe other measures:.

Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Contact (check all that apply to the fireworks stand):

- Preventing people from self-serving any items that are food-related.
(Not Applicable)
- Lids for cups and food-bar type items are provided by staff; not to customers to grab.
(Not Applicable)
- Bulk-item food bins are not available for customer self-service use.
(Not Applicable)
- Not permitting customers to bring their own bags, mugs, or other reusable items from home.
(Not Applicable)
- Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, sanitizing payment systems regularly.
Describe:.
- Optional—Describe other measures (e.g. providing senior-only hours):
 - *Provide a special purchase line for seniors, first responders and health care workers where possible.*
 - *Instruct volunteers to wear disposable plastic gloves while in stand and to change them frequently.*
 - *Encourage volunteers to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth when in the stand. Where required by local mandate, require all volunteers to wear face coverings when in the stand. Provide such face coverings to volunteers if needed.*
 - *Set up and man an Express Order area outside the stand and at a distance from customers making their purchases at the stand, that, using pre-printed forms, will assist a customer to complete a list of items he/she desires to purchase so when they are at the stand their interactions with the stand volunteers is minimized.*

Measures To Increase Sanitization (check all that apply to the fireworks stand):

- Disinfecting wipes that are effective against COVID-19 are available in the fireworks stand.
- Volunteer(s) assigned to disinfect carts and baskets regularly.
(Not Applicable)
- Hand sanitizer, is available to the volunteers and customers at the stand, at the Express Order area, and anywhere else inside the stand or immediately outside the stand and anywhere else where people have direct interactions.
- Disinfecting all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use.
- Disinfecting all high-contact surfaces frequently.
- Optional—Describe other measures:
 - *Instruct volunteers to wear disposable plastic gloves while in the stand and to change them frequently.*

* Any additional measures not included here should be listed on separate pages and attached to this document.

You may contact the following person with any questions or comments about this protocol:

Name:

Phone number:

STAY SAFE STAY DISTANT ENJOY FIREWORKS



Please follow current social distancing guidelines.
Gatherings should not exceed 10 people.



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MANTENGASE DISTANTE
DISFRUTELOS
FUEGOS ARTIFICIALES



Por favor siga las pautas actuales de distanciamiento social.
Las reuniones no deben exceder más de 10 personas.



STAY SAFE

- Observe local laws
- Use common sense
- Read and follow directions
- Use only State Fire Marshal-Approved Fireworks
- Have an adult present
- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass and trees
- Put used fireworks in a bucket of water and have a hose ready



STAY DISTANT

- Practice physical distancing
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Keep 4th of July Celebrations to family members only
- Gatherings should not exceed more than 10 people
- Wear face coverings where physical distancing is not possible
- Utilize social media to share your TNT Fireworks rather than gathering in person
- By working together, we can keep each other safe and healthy

TNT Fireworks has been providing safe family fun since 1920. STAY SAFE, STAY DISTANT, AND ENJOY TNT FIREWORKS!