

City of Slater Fireworks Survey

The City of Slater is asking for your input on the current fireworks ordinance and what types of changes you would like to see – if any; therefore, we are sharing a survey with you to complete either via paper or electronically. Surveys are due (insert date here) by noon/12:00pm.

Paper Survey Option: Paper surveys can be turned in at City Hall, mailed to City Hall, or dropped off at one of the of the three City drop boxes. Feel free to use the paper survey in the Scoop, or one can be picked up from City Hall.

Electronic Survey Option: (See link and/or QR code below)

Survey Link: (Insert Link Here)

Or, scan this QR code: (Insert QR Code Here)

The City of Slater’s current fireworks ordinance reads:

41.12 FIREWORKS USE

1. Definition. (shall remain the same) The term “fireworks” includes any explosive composition, or combination of explosive substances, or articles prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and specifically includes blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, or other fireworks of like construction and any firework containing any explosive or flammable compound, or other device containing any explosive substance.

2. Regulations. A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks on days other than July 3rd, 4th, and 5th and Fridays and Saturdays from June 1st to July 8th and only during the hours of 12:00 pm (noon) to 10:00 pm on those specified days from June 1st to the Saturday after 4th of July; December 30th of each year from the hours of 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm; and December 31st of each year starting at 4:00 pm through January 1st ending at 12:30 am.

A person shall not use, explode or discharge Consumer fireworks on real property other than that person’s real property or on the real property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer firework on that property. A person shall not use, explode or discharge Consumer fireworks on publicly owned property, included but not limited to, City streets and parks, except as specifically authorized by permit issued pursuant to the City of Slater Code. A person that chooses to use, explode or discharge Consumer fireworks on their property shall have responsibility to clean up all debris created by the fireworks.

The City may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for the display of fireworks by a City agency, fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals approved by City authorities when such fireworks display will be handled by a competent, trained, and insured operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsoring organization has filed proof of such training and insurance.

Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be fined \$150.00 per incident.

Survey:

1. How would you like the City of Slater's fireworks ordinance to read?

- Keep it as it currently reads; no changes needed.
- Keep the language the same, but add: "No bomb-type explosions/window-shakers."
- Eliminate fireworks within city limits altogether – including the fire department's fireworks show during the city's 4th of July celebration and any other city-related event they may be asked to shoot for. This means absolutely NO fireworks in Slater regardless of the persons/entity/event.
- Eliminate fireworks within city limits altogether – with the exception of the fire department's fireworks show during the city's 4th of July celebration and any other city-related event they may be asked to shoot for. This means the fire department would be the ONLY persons/entity that could shoot fireworks within city limits for a city-related event.

2. If you have other ideas as to how the fireworks ordinance should read, please write your thoughts as to how the language should read. If you have no other ideas as to how the language should read, write 'none.'

3. How do you propose the city take action should someone break the fireworks ordinance code? Verbal discussion? Written warning? Fine? (*Please note that in order for the city or sheriff to write a ticket/fine, there has to be hard evidence of the act happening. Ex: a video or a city official or sheriff bearing witness to the act.
