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Fireworks Prohibited

Copperas Cove, Texas – As the New Year's Eve holiday approaches, the City of Copperas Cove, Copperas Cove Police Department, and Copperas Cove Fire Department would like to take an opportunity to remind citizens that Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, Article IV, Section 7-61 prohibits illegal fireworks within the City limits. This ordinance will be enforced with zero-tolerance by all departments for the safety of our citizens. We encourage residents outside of the City limits to contact their local County officials for information regarding fireworks and possible restrictions in their County.

Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, Article IV, Section 7-61. Manufacture, sale, discharge, etc.; prohibitions, definition, and penalty.

- (a) *General prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, assemble, store, transport, receive, keep, sell, offer or have in such person's possession with intent to sell, use, discharge, cause to be discharged, ignite, detonate, fire or otherwise set in action any fireworks of any description within the City except as authorized in this article.
- (b) *Prohibited within five thousand feet of City limits.* It shall be unlawful for any person, persons or groups of persons to sell, offer for sale, or store for sale any fireworks within five thousand (5,000) feet of the City limits or within the City.
- (c) *"Fireworks" defined.* "Fireworks," as used herein, shall include all ICC-Class C common fireworks specifically defined in Section 2 of Article 9205, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes, and all other fireworks defined as Class A Fireworks and Class B Fireworks in Section 1 and 10, Article 9205, VATCS.
- (d) *Penalty for violation.* Conviction for violation of paragraphs (b) and (c) hereof shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Questions or concerns may be directed to Public Relations Director Kevin Keller at kkeller@copperascovetx.gov or (254) 547-4221 x6243.

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