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Detonation of Fireworks is Prohibited Within City Limits

MORGANTOWN – With July 4 just around the corner, it's important to remember your own safety and the laws the City of Morgantown has in place that keep those around you safe.

West Virginia State Law changed in 2016 to allow the sale of fireworks, the type of devices that leave the ground and are designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion. Previously, only sparklers, toy caps, model rockets, and novelties were permitted to be purchased. However, Morgantown City Code still prohibits people from using fireworks in city limits.

“It is a misdemeanor to ignite consumer fireworks in the city,” said City Attorney Ryan Simonton. “Consumer fireworks are anything other than sparklers and novelties, the kind you could buy in West Virginia before the law change.”

Any person who violates the provision of the City Code dealing with fireworks can face a fine from \$100.00 to \$500.00.

The City of Morgantown also has a Noise Ordinance in place that prohibits any loud and disturbing noises.

View the full City Code on Fireworks by [clicking here](#). Information on fireworks is listed as Code 545.10 under Part Five - General Offenses.

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