

**SAINT CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**"FIREWORKS" POLICY**

It is the Policy of the City of Saint Charles Park and Recreation Board that Park User Safety and/or Park Facility Protection are of Paramount Importance, therefore the Possession or Discharging of Fireworks in any of the City of Saint Charles Parks is Prohibited. In addition to the Safety Concerns caused by Illegal Fireworks Usage this activity also creates excess Litter & Debris, which if allowed, would be contrary to the Park Board's goal of Park Facility Protection. As such, the following City Ordinance's provide support for this "Fireworks" Policy:

The Park Board by the adoption of this "Fireworks" Policy and by the Authority as defined in **Section 99.03 CLOSED AREAS - (Code of Ordinances of the City of Saint Charles, Missouri)** the Park Board hereby declares "All of the City of Saint Charles Parks are Closed to the Possession of or the Discharging of Fireworks".

This Fireworks Policy is also supported by **Section 99.28 OTHER PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR (Code of Ordinances of the City of Saint Charles, Missouri)** which states "It shall be unlawful for any person, while in or about any city park, to: (A) Explosives, and the like. Bring or have in their possession, or set off, except in designated areas, or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets or other fireworks or explosives of inflammable material, or discharge them or throw them into any such area from land or highway adjacent thereto. This prohibition includes any substances or compound that would be dangerous from any of the foregoing standpoints." ...

Violations of this "Fireworks" Policy could result in the Perpetrator being Cited, Charged, and/or Arrested for the Unlawful Possession and/or Use of Fireworks in any City of Saint Charles Park and Illegal Fireworks could be Confiscated, as authorized in **Section 99.41 ENFORCEMENT OF PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS (Code of Ordinances of the City of Saint Charles, Missouri)** as defined in (A) Enforcement Officials, (B) Arrest or Ejection, and (C) Seizure of Property.

In addition this "Fireworks" Policy **Section 99.15 PROHIBITIONS CONCERNING PARK PROPERTY (Code of Ordinances of the City of Saint Charles, Missouri)** as noted in (b) which is concerning the illegality of (1) ... resulting in the pollution of such waters, and (2) ... trash upon the grounds of any city park.

Board Approval:        May 4, 2005