

CITY OF RENTON FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Sale and use of fireworks prohibited within Renton city limits

RENTON, WA – City of Renton police and fire officials would like to remind everyone that the sale and use of fireworks is prohibited within Renton city limits. The ban has been in effect since 2005.

The ban was passed by voters in 2005 (R4-5-070(c)97) and is designed to protect both citizens and their property from damage caused by fireworks. Since its inception, there has been a significant reduction in the amount of injuries and property damage.

Citations may be issued for violations. Violators are subject to both civil and criminal penalties. Additionally, the sale, possession, or use of explosive devices such as M-80s, M-100s, and homemade or modified fireworks is a felony offense. Violators will face criminal charges.

In Washington state in 2020, there were 597 fireworks-related incidents reported, including 360 fires and 237 injuries.

The discharge of consumer fireworks is permitted in some neighboring jurisdictions, such as unincorporated King County, including Skyway and Fairwood, but fireworks of all types are banned within Renton city limits. King County passed a ban on the sales and use of consumer fireworks that will become effective June 2022; fireworks will no longer be permitted in unincorporated King County, including Skyway and Fairwood next year.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 105,500 (2020), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies that wish to provide employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information is on our [website](#), in [news releases](#), or on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#).

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