

Frequently Asked Questions
Enhanced Fireworks Education and Enforcement

- **Does the City ordinance specifically authorize landlords to evict tenants?**
 - City Ordinances or laws do not specifically authorize landlords/property owners to evict tenants who indulge in illegal fireworks. As property owners have an obligation to manage and maintain their properties in accordance with applicable state laws, it is recommended that property owners seek legal counsel if necessary to resolve issues related to tenant behavior.
- **How do I report illegal fireworks activity?**
 - All illegal fireworks can be reported through Access Hayward, Code Enforcement, and the Hayward Police Department. Complaints may be made anonymously, however, if the notice of illegal activity is contested, please note that complainants may be needed to testify at any future hearings.
- **How are incoming calls/reports going to be gathered, shared, and routed?**
 - Specific follow-up from incoming calls and emails will be routed to Code Enforcement, and internally, Code Enforcement staff will coordinate with other City departments, such as Police and Fire, to share information, including any first-person accounts, photographs, etc.
- **How about fireworks that happen on the streets (not on private properties)?**
 - ⊖ Most fireworks will likely be set off in the street, as opposed to on actual private property. Based on observations made by a police officer, firefighter, or Code enforcement personnel, or reported by a member of the public and confirmed by City, staff will assess which property the person setting the fireworks off came from (including first-person accounts, photographs, or video) and that is the property that may be ultimately responsible.
- **What is the updated City of Hayward nuisance ordinance?**
 - ⊖ Under the amended nuisance ordinance, owners of properties where fireworks activity takes place or emanates from, can be cited and face progressively increasing fines. This is in addition to regular enforcement of these activities by Hayward PD under Hayward Municipal Code Chapter 3, Article 3.
- **How much are these violations?**
 - 1st Incident - \$1,200
 - 2nd Incident - \$3,000
 - 3rd Incident - \$5,000
- **How can I contest a violation on my property?**
 - Property owners who wish to appeal a fireworks-related citation can do so by completing the Administrative Hearing Request Form and submitting the form to the appropriate City Division based on the hearing type.