

Current City Ordinances Related to Fireworks Displays and Enforcement

H.M.C. Chapter 3, Article 3: Explosives, Firearms, and Fireworks:

"It shall be unlawful for any person at any time, to fire or discharge or cause to be fired or discharged any cannon, anvil, gun, pistol or other firearms, Chinese or other firecrackers, bomb, fireworks or explosive preparation of any nature whatsoever, within the limits of the City of Hayward."

H.M.C. Chapter 4, Article 1: Public Nuisances, Noise Regulations:

"Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable or safe enjoyment of life or property of the community, or any portion thereof, or neighborhood therein, is a public nuisance."

City Ordinances That May Be Changed to Address Illegal Fireworks

H.M.C. Chapter 4, Article 11: Social Host Accountability Ordinance:

"It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any Responsible persons to knowingly host, permit, or allow an underage or unruly gathering to occur at private property in the City of Hayward concerning which the Responsible person has a right of possession where at least one (1) underage person consumes an alcoholic beverage."

The social host ordinance specifically targets underage drinking, not fireworks possession or usage.

H.M.C. Chapter 5, Article 7: Community Preservation and Improvement:

"It shall be unlawful for any responsible party owning, leasing, renting, occupying, or having charge or possession of any property in the City to maintain or to allow to be maintained such property in a condition detrimental to public health, safety, or general welfare or in a condition which violates any code or ordinance adopted by the City."