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Topic: Urbandale Police Department adopts Zero Tolerance Policy for Illegal Fireworks

In response to numerous citizens' complaints regarding the lack of aggressive enforcement of illegal fireworks in 2009, the Urbandale Police Department has adopted a zero-tolerance policy for the handling of illegal fireworks complaints. Officers will respond to citizen complaints regarding illegal fireworks and issue citations to the violators. The City ordinance for illegal fireworks is 41.02(2), and this simple misdemeanor charge is a non-scheduled fine requiring a mandatory appearance in court. Parents of children under 14 years-of-age will be cited if compliance to law enforcement directives is not followed.

The City of Urbandale grants a special permit to a licensed fireworks vendor to legally provide the spectacular fireworks display on the evening of July 4th. The Urbandale Police Department is a great supporter of the 4th of July festivities here in Urbandale, and wants all the citizens and visitors of our city to enjoy a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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