

## **Fireworks Discharge Distance Requirements**

As Ordered by the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office

Ohio lawmakers enacted legislation that provides for the discharge of consumer grade fireworks. However, that activity is subject to many rules created by the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office.

One such rule requires a separation distance for the discharge of aerial fireworks of at least 150 feet from the point of discharge to any structure. Several residential developments within Copley Township have lot sizes that do not allow for the legal separation distance as required by the Ohio Fire Marshal.

Copley Township sought the assistance of the Summit County GIS Department that mapped Copley neighborhoods delineating the 150-foot radius from structures. Based on that research, we have determined that there are several neighborhoods in which it is not possible to legally discharge aerial fireworks.

It should be noted, that the separation distance for ground fireworks is significantly less at 50 feet from all structures.

**Copley Township officials will be posting warning signs at the entrance to several such neighborhoods to provide for the safety of our residents. Those neighborhoods are: Creekrun, Heritage Woods, Kingsbury, Miller Farm, Ridgecrest, Swan Lake, and Wedgewood.**

Residents in our condominium complexes, apartments, hotels, nursing homes, and other multiple tenant structures are warned that the discharge of fireworks must take place no less than 450 feet from these structures.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the Copley Police Department.

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