

## County Moves Forward on Fireworks Ordinance

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Del Norte County is moving forward on adopting a Fireworks Ordinance.

After unanimously voting to adopt a first-ever Fireworks Ordinance, a public hearing was held at the October 22 meeting and the Ordinance, when passed, effectuates 30 days from yesterday's meeting.

In the wake of the tragic July 4th illegal fireworks explosions on South Beach critically injuring a four year old child and 14 others, the Fireworks Ordinance creates a mechanism for the County to enforce California's ban on "dangerous fireworks" through the administrative citation process.

The ordinance governs the imposition, enforcement, collection and administrative fines, related to possession, use, storage, sale and or display of those fireworks classified as dangerous fireworks the California Health and Safety Code, with the exception of a pyrotechnic licensee.

The Ordinance bans ALL fireworks including Safe and Sane within Del Norte County campgrounds and Parks.

The eight page Ordinance may assess fines from \$1000-\$3000, with late charges from \$250 to \$1000, depending on the number of offenses committed in a one year period. All levied fines must be satisfied within 15 calendar days of the issuance of the citation.