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Fireworks within town limits, ETJ prohibited by ordinance *Public safety and protection of property of concern*

PROSPER (December 26, 2016) Celebrators ushering in the New Year are once again reminded that, by ordinance, the Town of Prosper has strictly prohibited the sale, possession and use of non-commercial fireworks, the type purchased at retail stands.

“The Town of Prosper passed ordinance number 00-13, which is clear in its prohibition of the use and possession of fireworks,” says Fire Marshal Bryan Ausenbaugh. “The Fire Department and Police Department are both charged with ensuring that residents and visitors adhere to the ordinance.”

The health and safety of people, especially youngsters, and the preservation of property are the reasons behind the ordinance, and both departments will be on vigil this coming holiday weekend to ensure compliance.

The ordinance prohibits the discharge of fireworks anywhere within the Town of Prosper and the Town’s ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction) without first obtaining a permit and providing proof of a bond. That means that the types of fireworks that one can purchase at roadside stands are simply not allowed, since permits will generally be issued only to commercial-level fireworks display companies.

The areas covered in the ordinance include any piece of property from Custer Road west to FM 1385 and from US 380 north to Frontier Pkwy and all property in between. Also included are the Town’s ETJ, property in Denton County, Collin County and any property within 5,000 feet of Town limits.

“If a person or persons are found in violation of this ordinance, they may be issued a citation and if proven guilty could face fines up to \$2,000 for each offense,” said Ausenbaugh. “The Prosper Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday, and hopes everyone understands these restrictions are in the best interests of public safety.”

Questions can be addressed by contacting the Prosper Fire Department at (972)346-9469 or by visiting www.prospertx.gov.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 17,800 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”