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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release: Approved times for Public Use of Fireworks

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But this year's 4th of July celebration rapidly approaching City of Hoquiam Chief of Police Jeff Myers takes an opportunity to remind everybody to have a safe and sane holiday. "We want to be constantly mindful in advising the public to practice safe and responsible use of consumer fireworks so as to eliminate injuries." Said Chief Myers.

He also wants to take this opportunity to remind Hoquiam citizens that the City of Hoquiam ordinance regarding the use of fireworks in public has recently changed.

Effective this year, fireworks within the city of Hoquiam can be discharged **only** between 9:00 AM and midnight on July 3 and July 4. If you have any questions regarding the use of fireworks during this year's celebration please refer to the ordinance below.

To help you celebrate safely this 4th of July please practice the following safety tips.

- ❖ Always read and follow label directions
- ❖ Always have an adult present
- ❖ Only buy from reliable fireworks sellers
- ❖ Only ignite fireworks outdoors
- ❖ Be sure to have water handy
- ❖ Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks
- ❖ Light only one at a time
- ❖ Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- ❖ Never give fireworks to small children
- ❖ Store fireworks in a cool, dry place
- ❖ Dispose of fireworks properly
- ❖ Never throw fireworks at another person
- ❖ Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- ❖ Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOQUIAM, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 5.20.010 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

5.20.010 Adoption of state law.

Chapter 70.77 RCW, of which chapter not less than three copies have been and are filed in the office of the city finance director, is adopted and incorporated herein as though fully set forth in this chapter, except RCW 70.77.395(2) and 70.77.540 of said state law.

SECTION 2. The following Section 5.20.015 “Dates and times consumer fireworks may be used or discharged” is hereby added to the Hoquiam Municipal Code.

5.20.015 Dates and times consumer fireworks mat be used or discharged.

Consumer fireworks may be used or discharged each day between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and twelve o’clock midnight on the third and fourth of July, and from nine o’clock p.m. on December 31st until one o’clock a.m. on January 1st of the subsequent year, and as provided in RCW 70.77.311.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on June 24, 2009.

PASSED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 23, 2008.